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OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

IN THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD IN

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON,

On Wednesday May 21st, Thursday May 22d, Friday May 23d, and
Saturday May 24th,

1856.

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LIST OF CLERGY,

IN THE DIOCESE OF NORTH CAROLINA, ENTITLED TO SEATS IN
THE CONVENTION.

- Right Rev. THOMAS ATKINSON, D. D., Bishop, and President *ex officio* of the Convention.
- Rev. R. W. BARBER, Missionary, Wilkes, Yadkin and Iredell Counties.
- Rev. GEORGE BENTON, Rector, Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.
- Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector, Trinity Church, Asheville.
- Rev. BENJ. SWAN BRONSON, St. Thomas's, Windsor, Bertie Co.
- *Rev. CHARLES T. BLAND, Rector, St. John's, Rutherfordton.
- Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Trinity, Scotland Neck.
- Rev. R. B. DEANE, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. FRED. FITZGERALD, Rector of St. Stephen's, Goldsborough, and St. Mary's, Kinston.
- Rev. E. N. FORBES, Rector, Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. E. GEER, Rector, St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. H. F. GREENE, Rector, Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. PEYTON GALLAGHER, St. Mark's Church, Halifax.
- Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, Professor, Chapel Hill.
- Rev. THOMAS G. HAUGHTON, Deacon, Edenton.
- Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE, Rector, St. John's, Fayetteville.
- Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Missionary, Pitt and Beaufort Counties. (Washington, N. C.)
- Rev. HORATIO H. HEWITT, Rector, St. Peter's, Charlotte.
- Rev. RICHARD HINES, Rector, St. John's, Williamsborough, and Holy Innocents, Henderson.
- *Rev. FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Deacon, St. Paul's, Edenton.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's, Edenton.
- Rev. JOHN R. LEE, Rector, Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- *Rev. HENRY T. LEE, Rector, Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.
- Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. R. H. MASON, Missionary.

- Rev. Jos. W. MURPHY, Missionary, Scuppernong, Washington County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. WILLIAM MURPHY, Missionary, Wilson, Wilson County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. DANIEL MORRELLE, Deacon, Goldsborough.
- Rev. A. F. OLMSTED, Rector, St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
- Rev. JOHN H. PARKER, Rector, St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
- Rev. H. H. PROUT, Missionary, Lenoir, Caldwell County, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. JAS. T. PICKETT, Rector of Grace Church, Morganton.
- Rev. GEORGE PATTERSON, Assistant Minister, St. Luke's Parish, Washington County.
- Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, D. D., St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Rector of Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons County.
- Rev. W. W. SKILES, Deacon, Watauga County.
- Rev. LEONIDAS L. SMITH, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
- Rev. ROB'T B. SUTTON, St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Granville County.
- Rev. F. W. THOMAS.
- Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector of Grace Church, Plymouth.
- Rev. G. B. WETMORE, Missionary, St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. J. T. WHEAT, D. D., Professor, Chapel Hill.
- *Rev. DANIEL D. VAN ANTWERP, St. Paul's Church, Beaufort.

The Rev. Messrs. Barber, Benton, Huske, Johnston, R. H. Mason, Prout, Pickett, Taylor, Wheat, and Wetmore, Clerical members, were not present at this Convention.

* Entitled to Seats as Honorary Members of Convention.

LAY DELEGATES.

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| *B. RUNYON,
*JAS. E. HOYT,
*W. J. ELLISON,
*JOHN G. WILLIAMS, | } | St. Peter's Church, Washington. |
| *THOMAS H. WRIGHT,
*A. J. DEROSSET, Jr.,
HON. S. J. PERSON,
*LUCIAN HOLMES, | } | St. James's Church, Wilmington. |
| C. W. BRADLEY,
A. A. BROWN,
JAS. ANDERSON,
T. W. BROWN, | } | " " " Alternates. |
| AMASA ALDEN,
K. T. PHILLIPS, | } | Christ Church, Rockfish. |
| C. T. HAIGH,
*EDWARD LEE WINSLOW,
E. J. HALE,
JAS. W. STRANGE, | } | St. John's Church, Fayetteville. |
| *JOS. H. POOL,
DR. R. PIEMONT,
R. B. CREECY,
*JAS. M. POOL, | } | Christ Church, Elizabeth City. |
| W. W. GRIFFIN,
W. C. HUNTER,
L. J. JOHNSON,
W. F. MARTIN, | } | " " " Alternates. |
| *RUSSELL CHAPMAN,
*MATTHEW WEDDELL,
JOSEPH H. BOWDITCH,
RICHARD T. HOSKINS, | } | Calvary Church, Tarborough. |
| THOMAS RUFFIN,
*THOMAS B. HILL,
*E. D. MCNAIR, | } | St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough. |
| *B. F. HALSEY,
*JOHN LAMB,
W. T. BABB,
*S. C. BENJAMIN, | } | Church of the Advent, Williamston. |
| *DR. W. T. JOHNSON,
W. R. BARHAM,
ROBERT J. SHAW,
W. H. STRÖTHER, | } | St. Paul's Church, Louisburg. |

*ALANSON ALLIGOOD, O. H. P. TANKARD, *CALEB A. CUTLAR, *MARSHALL H. CUTLAR,	}	Zion Parish, Beaufort County.
RILEY EBORN, N. W. NORTH, JAS. J. CUTLAR, ASA A. CUTLAR,	}	" " " Alternates.
*JOHN McC. BOYLE, *E. W. JONES, W. A. LITTLEJOHN, THOS. H. GILLIAM,	}	Grace Church, Plymouth.
*S. H. McRAE, Dr. W. W. WARD, B. J. SPRUILL,	}	" " " Alternates.
THOS. G. WALTON, JOHN COLLETT, JOHN W. McELRATH, JAMES AVERY,	}	Grace Church, Morganton.
*JOHN THOMPSON, *ALEX'R DIXON, *Dr. THOS. D. WARREN, *E. C. HINES,	}	St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
W. H. STANDIN, WILLIAM THOMPSON, JOHN SKINNER, W. C. WOOD,	}	" " " Alternates.
W. R. SMITH, J. N. SMITH, RICH'D H. SMITH, *PETER E. SMITH,	}	Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
L. S. WEBB, *P. H. WINSTON, THOS. J. P. SMALLWOOD, *Dr. TURNER WILSON,	}	St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.
*JOSIAH COLLINS, A. L. CHESSEON, HENRY DOWNING, *THOS. G. HAUGHTON,	}	St. Luke's Parish, Washington C'ty.
J. B. GOELET, Dr. E. B. HAUGHTON,	}	" " " " Alternates.
*JOHN T. TAYLOR, JOHN T. THOMAS, S. S. ROYSTER, JOHN Q. JORDAN,	}	St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

Dr. E. T. BROADNAX,	{	Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
Dr. A. B. JOHNS,		
RAWLEY GALLOWAY,		
P. B. HAWKINS,	{	Holy Innocents, Henderson.
Dr. A. B. HAWKINS,		
Dr. G. W. BLACKWELL,		
GEORGE REAVIS,		
R. P. HUGHES,	{	" " " Alternates.
PRO. E. A. JONES,		
JOHN J. WYCHE,		
W. H. ROWLAND,		
*JOHN BLACKWELL,	{	Christ Church, Newbern.
JOHN A. GUION,		
J. CICERO JUSTICE,		
*MOSES W. JARVIS,		
M. A. OUTTEN,	{	" " " Alternates.
I. DISOSWAY,		
PETER CUSTIS,		
JOHN N. WASHINGTON,		
*B. S. SKINNER,	{	Holy Trinity, Hertford.
*JOHN SKINNER,		
Dr. T. D. MARTIN,		
C. W. WOOD,		
LEWIS THOMPSON,	{	Grace Church, Bertie County.
STEPHEN A. NORFLEET,		
THOS. J. PUGH,		
Dr. W. A. HARDY,		
*BENJAMIN PATRICK,	{	Trinity Parish, Beaufort County.
*FRED'K HARDING,		
*F. B. SATTERTHWAITE,		
*W. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE,		
*JAMES T. LITTLEJOHN,	{	St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.
Dr. Z. M. PASCHALL,		
H. A. TAYLOR,		
*L. A. PASCHALL,		
*Dr. NOAH JOYNER,	{	St. Paul's Church, Greenville.
Dr. RICH'D WILLIAMS,		
*HORACE G. HILTON,		
JAMES DAVIS,		
*W. T. MARSH,	{	" " " Alternates.
JOSEPH B. DAVIS,		
*JESSE NOBLE,	{	St. John's Church, Pitt County.
*RICH'D NOBLE,		
W. A. PUGH,		
LOUIS B. PUGH,		

W. F. DAVIDSON,	{	St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.
Dr. J. DAVIDSON,		
JAMES W. PATTON,	{	Trinity Church, Asheville.
HATFIELD OGDEN,		
WM. W. PATTON,		
JOHN H. MURPHY,		
Hon. W. H. BATTLE,	{	Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.
Dr. J. B. JONES,		
*A. MICKLE,		
J. B. LUCAS,		
A. G. BROWN,	{	" " " " " "
R. B. SAUNDERS,		
R. H. BATTLE, Jr.,		
M. FETTER,		
*Hon. R. M. SAUNDERS,	{	Christ Church, Raleigh.
R. A. HAMILTON,		
THOS. D. HOGG,		
KEMP P. BATTLE,		
KENNETH RAYNER,	{	St. Barnabas' Church, Murfreesborough.
B. T. SPIERS,		
JOHN WADDILL,		
Dr. THOMAS WOODLEY,	{	St. Mary's, Kinston.
Dr. J. P. BRYAN,		
L. C. DESMOND,		
H. R. STRONG,		
*JOHN R. BRADFORD,	{	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
GEO. E. SPRUILL,		
THOS. A. MONTGOMERY,		
JOS. B. BATCHELOR,		
FRED'K J. HILL,	{	St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
J. H. HAUGHTON,		
HENRY A. LONDON,		
M. Q. WADDELL,		
*W. A. EATON,		St. James's Church, Granville.
*T. LASSITTER,		St. Mary's Church, Gatesville.
G. W. COLLIER,	{	St. Stephen's Church, Goldsborough.
Dr. E. H. GOELET,		
Dr. B. F. ARRINGTON,		
*DANIEL MORRELLE,		

* Present at Convention.

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ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON, }
MAY 21st, 1856. }

This being the day and place for the meeting of the 40th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop, with the attending Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. Peter's Church, Washington.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. A. F. Olmsted, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Snowden; the Ante-Communion Service was said by the Bishop. The Epistle was read by the Rev. A. F. Olmsted, the Gospel by the Bishop, a Convention Sermon preached by the Rev. Leonidas L. Smith, from the 4th chapter of the 2d Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, 2d verse.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy, and assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Olmsted and Snowden, to a large number of recipients, after which the Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

Edward Lee Winslow, Secretary for the last year, called the list of the Clergy, and the following were found present, and took their seats as members of the Convention:

Rev. B. S. Bronson.	Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire.
Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D.	Rev. Edwin Geer.
Rev. P. Gallagher.	Rev. H. F. Greene.
Rev. N. Collin Hughes.	Rev. H. H. Hewitt.
Rev. Rich'd Hines.	Rev. J. R. Lee.
Rev. Jos. W. Murphy.	Rev. W. Murphy.
Rev. A. F. Olmsted.	Rev. J. Haywood Parker.
Rev. Geo. Patterson.	Rev. W. E. Snowden.
Rev. W. W. Skiles.	Rev. Leonidas L. Smith.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table and read. The following Churches were found to have elected Delegates to this Convention:

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—B. Runyon, Jas. E. Hoyt, W. J. Ellison, John G. Williams.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. Thos. H. Wright, A. J. DeRosset, Jr., Hon. S. J. Person, Lucian Holmes. Alternates: C. W. Bradley, A. A. Brown, Jas. Anderson, T. W. Brown.

Christ Church, Rockfish.—Amasa Alden, K. T. Phillips.

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—C. T. Haigh, E. L. Winslow, E. J. Hale, J. W. Strange.

Christ Church, Elizabeth City.—Jos. H. Pool, Dr. R. Piemont, R. B. Creecy, Jas. M. Pool. Alternates: W. W. Griffin, W. C. Hunter, L. J. Johnson, W. F. Martin.

Calvary Church, Tarborough.—Russell Chapman, Matthew Weddell, Joseph H. Bowditch, Richard T. Hoskins.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Thomas Ruffin, E. D. McNair, Thos. B. Hill.

Church of the Advent, Williamston.—B. F. Halsey, John Lamb, W. T. Babb, S. C. Benjamin.

Zion Parish, Beaufort County.—Alanson Alligood, O. H. P. Tankard, Caleb A. Cutlar, Marshall H. Cutlar. Alternates: Riley Eborn, Norman W. North, James J. Cutlar, Asa A. Cutlar.

Grace Church, Plymouth.—John McC. Boyle, E. W. Jones, W. A. Littlejohn, Thos. H. Gilliam. Alternates: S. H. McRae, W. W. Ward, M. D., B. F. Spruill.

St. Paul's Church, Louisburg.—Dr. W. T. Johnson, W. R. Barham, Robert J. Shaw, W. H. Strother.

Grace Church, Morganton.—Thos. G. Walton, John Collett, John W. McElrath, James Avery.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—John Thompson, Alexander Dixon, Dr. Thos. D. Warren, E. C. Hines. Alternates: W. H. Standin, William Thompson, John Skinner, W. C. Wood.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—W. R. Smith, J. N. Smith, Richard H. Smith, Peter E. Smith.

St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.—L. S. Webb, P. H. Winston, Thos. J. P. Smallwood, Dr. Turner Wilson.

Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.—Dr. Edw'd T. Broadnax, Dr. A. B. Johns, Rawley Galloway.

St. Luke's Parish, Washington County.—Josiah Collins, A.

L. Chesson, Henry Downing, Thos. G. Haughton. Alternates: J. B. Goelet, Dr. E. B. Haughton.

Holy Innocents, Henderson.—P. B. Hawkins, Dr. A. B. Hawkins, Dr. George W. Blackwell, George J. Reavis. Alternates: R. P. Hughes, Pro. E. A. Jones, Jno. J. Wyche, W. H. Rowland.

Christ Church, Newbern.—John Blackwell, John A. Guion, J. Cicero Justice, M. W. Jarvis. Alternates: M. A. Outten, J. Disosway, Peter Custis, John N. Washington.

St. John's Church, Williamsborough.—John T. Taylor, John T. Thomas, S. S. Royster, John Q. Jordan.

Holy Trinity, Hertford.—B. S. Skinner, John Skinner, Dr. T. D. Martin, C. W. Wood.

Grace Church, Bertie.—Lewis Thompson, Stephen A. Norfleet, Thomas J. Pugh, Dr. William A. Hardy.

Trinity Parish, Beaufort County.—Benjamin Patrick, Fredrick Harding, F. B. Satterthwaite, W. J. Laughinghouse.

Of whom the following appeared and took seats as Members of this Convention: Jas. E. Hoyt, B. Runyon, John G. Williams, W. J. Ellison, Dr. W. T. Johnson, Dr. Turner Wilson, Peter E. Smith, Alexander Dixon, E. C. Hines, Dr. Thos. H. Wright, Russell Chapman, Matthew Weddell, E. D. McNair, Thos. B. Hill, Alanson Alligood, Marshall H. Cutlar, Josiah Collins, W. J. Laughinghouse, Edw'd Lee Winslow, John T. Taylor, Lucian Holmes, Thomas G. Haughton.

The Convention was declared duly organized.

Edw'd Lee Winslow was elected Secretary for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., was elected President of the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Convention reconsider the vote appointing a President of the Convention.

Which was not passed.

On motion,

Resolved, That all Clergymen of this Church, and all Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, be admitted to seats, as honorary members of the Convention.

Under this resolution, Rev. Messrs. F. W. Hilliard, F. W. Thomas, and D. D. Van Antwerp took seats as honorary members of the Convention.

On motion, Convention adjourned to Thursday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. H. S. Lee, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. H. H. Hewitt, from the 5th chapter of Daniel, 27th verse.

THURSDAY, May 22, 1856.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following Clerical Members appeared and took their seats as Members of this Convention: Rev'd A. Smedes, D. D., Rev'd Jarvis Buxton, Rev'd F. Fitzgerald, Rev'd E. N. Forbes, Rev'd A. A. Watson, Rev'd F. M. Hubbard, Rev'd R. B. Sutton.

A. J. DeRosset, Jr., a Delegate from St. James's Church, Wilmington, appeared and took his seat.

Certificates of Lay Delegation were handed in, and the following Churches were found to have elected Delegates to this Convention, viz:

St. Peter's Church, Charlotte.—William F. Davidson, Dr. J. Davidson.

St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.—James T. Littlejohn, Dr. Z. M. Paschall, H. A. Taylor, L. A. Paschall.

St. Paul's Church, Greenville.—Dr. Noah Joyner, Dr. Richard Williams, Horace G. Hilton, James Davis. Alternates: W. T. Marsh, Joseph B. Davis.

St. John's, Pitt County.—Jesse Noble, Richard Noble, Wm. A. Pugh, Lewis B. Pugh.

Trinity Church, Asheville.—James W. Patton, Hatfield Ogden, Wm. W. Patton, John H. Murphy.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Hon. W. H. Battle, Dr. J. B. Jones, A. Mickle, J. B. Lucas. Alternates: A. G. Brown, R. B. Saunders, R. H. Battle, Jr., M. Fetter.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—Hon. R. M. Saunders, Robert A. Hamilton, Thomas D. Hogg, Kemp P. Battle.

St. Barnabas' Parish, Murfreesborough, Hertford County.—Kenneth Rayner, B. T. Spiers, John Waddill.

St. Mary's, Kinston.—Dr. Thomas Woodley, Dr. J. P. Bryan, L. C. Desmond, H. R. Strong.

St. Stephen's Church, Goldsborough.—G. W. Collier, Dr. E. H. Goelet, Dr. B. F. Arrington, Daniel Morrelle.

Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—John R. Bradford, Geo. E. Spruill, Thomas A. Montgomery, Joseph B. Batchelor.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—Frederick J. Hill, John H. Haughton, Henry A. London, M. Q. Waddell.

Of whom the following appeared and took seats as members of this Convention: John R. Bradford, A. Mickle, Dr. Noah Joyner, Horace G. Hilton, James T. Littlejohn, L. A. Paschall, Joseph H. Pool, James M. Pool.

The Rev. H. T. Lee appeared and took a seat as an honorary member of the Convention.

On motion, the rules of order of the last Convention were adopted to govern the deliberations of this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That from and after this Convention the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to pay to the Secretary, whatever bill of expenses he may render, incurred by his attendance upon the Sessions of this body.

On motion, Edward Lee Winslow was appointed the Treasurer of the Convention, *pro tem*.

The following Standing Committees were appointed by the President:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Messrs. Cheshire, Greene, Buxton, Watson and Hughes, of the Clergy.

Committee of Finance.—Dr. Drane, Dr. Smedes, of the Clergy; Messrs. Collins, Hoyt, DeRosset and Jarvis, of the Laity.

Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.—Messrs. Olmsted, Parker and Forbes, of the Clergy; Thos. H. Wright, Thos. B. Hill, of the Laity.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Messrs. Fitzgerald and Sutton, of the Clergy; Peter E. Smith, of the Laity.

Committee on the Relief Fund.—Messrs. Hughes and Hines, of the Clergy; L. A. Paschall and James T. Littlejohn, of the Laity.

Papers in relation to the formation of the Congregation of St. James's Church, Iredell County, were handed in.

On motion,

Resolved, That they be referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY:

It is my duty and privilege, at this our Annual Meeting in Convention, to present you with an account of the work in which I have been engaged during the past year, that you may know what progress the Church is making in this Diocese, and that I may receive the benefit of your counsel, and sympathizing co-operation.

During the sitting of the last Convention, I confirmed, on the evening of the 19th of May, at Warrenton, seven persons.

On Sunday the 20th, I admitted to the Priesthood the Rev. John Beckwith, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Mr. Forbes.

May 27th, I consecrated the new and beautiful Church of Trinity Parish, Scotland Neck, in Halifax county. The Rector, the Rev. Mr. Cheshire, Messrs. Drane, Buxton, Parkman, and R. H. Mason, took part in the services. I preached, confirmed one person, and with the assistance of Messrs. Drane and Cheshire, administered the Holy Communion. The building thus set apart for the service of Almighty God, reflects great credit on the large-hearted zeal of the Laymen, and the persevering energy of the Minister, by whose efforts it was erected. The congregation is not large, but the House of God which they now have in their midst, has, I think, no equal in any country Parish in the Diocese.

In the afternoon of the same day, I preached and confirmed two of the congregation at a Chapel built for the colored people some miles from the Church which I had just consecrated, but at the cost of the same contributors, to a great extent. This Chapel is well attended, and evinces that the care which these masters have of the souls as well as the bodies of their servants, is by God's mercy not without fruit.

May 29th, I preached morning and evening at Tarborough, and on the last occasion confirmed five persons.

June 3d, Trinity Sunday, in the morning I preached at St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh, to the members of the Diocesan Female School, and, assisted by Dr. Smedes, administered the Holy Communion to a large number of the teachers and pupils of that Institution,—an Institution which one must rejoice to see prosper, who, going as I do through the length and breadth of this State, observes how essentially it has contributed, not only to the welfare and growth of the Church, but to the best interest of the entire community.

June 6th, I attended the exercises of the Commencement at the University of the State, and read a Lecture before its Historical Society.

June 10th, I preached morning and evening at Graham. I hope before long to have regular services at this place, where there is much to encourage us in the hope that a flourishing congregation may be established.

June 15th, I confirmed a sick person in private, belonging to Christ Church, Raleigh.

June 16th, I preached in the evening at Louisburg. On the 17th I preached twice, baptized an adult and confirmed four persons. The Rev. Mr. Sutton assisted me in these services, and himself preached in the afternoon and baptized an infant.

June 24th, I preached in Christ Church, Raleigh.

During the same week I attended the meeting of the Trustees of the General Seminary at New York.

July 1st, at Bishop H. Potter's request, I preached the sermon at the ordination of a number of Deacons, in Trinity Church in that City; and in the evening of the same day the Annual Sermon before the Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union.

July 8th, I preached twice in Baltimore.

July 23d, I set off on a visitation to the Western part of the Diocese, hoping to reach St. John's in the Wilderness so as to officiate there on Sunday the 29th. In this, however, I was disappointed, by an accident on the Rail Road which delayed the train by which I was travelling, and by a want of connexion on other lines, so that on Saturday the 28th I had only reached Greenville in South Carolina. I was fortunate enough, however, to meet here my esteemed brother Bishop Davis, and

several others of the Clergy of his Diocese, on his annual visitation. On Sunday morning I preached there at Bishop Davis's request.

August 1st, I preached at St. John's in the Wilderness, in Henderson county.

August 5th, I preached in the morning at Asheville, Mr. Buxton and Mr. Hewitt taking part in the services. In the afternoon I baptized an infant, Mr. Hewitt preaching in the afternoon and at night.

August 6th, I set off for Murphy, in Cherokee county, but laboring under indisposition of more than a week's continuance, and meeting heavy rains, I was obliged to return. Messrs. Buxton and Hewitt, however, were able to go on, and held services at Waynesville, Franklin, and Murphy. This is an important region of the State, to which the Church has scarcely yet been presented, although a few of its members are scattered here and there throughout it; and it appears to me one of our most imperative duties to send a Missionary or Missionaries there so soon as they can be procured. The Rev. Mr. Prout visited these places during the last Winter, with the view of devoting his future labors to them. He has, however, been induced to remain in his former Parish, where indeed he is not less needed. During the next Summer, I purpose, God willing, to visit this region myself, and to devote more time to it than I had allowed when last among the mountains.

I continued in Asheville until the time for Mr. Buxton's return, performing his duties, and among others the very painful one of burying one of the most interesting and valuable members of his Church. August 12th, I read prayers and preached twice in Asheville.

While speaking of Asheville and Mr. Buxton, I must take the opportunity of earnestly recommending to the members of the Church throughout the Diocese, to do what they can to promote the interests of the school he has recently established there. He has, in a self sacrificing spirit, added this new and onerous class of duties to his previous parochial engagements, not for profit, nor any personal end, but to advance the cause of sound learning and true religion generally in the Diocese, and especially in that Western section of it, where these high interests especially need aid and furtherance. He is esteemed

by those who best know him, to be extremely well-fitted for the headship of such an Institution, and the locality chosen for it is one of the most healthy and beautiful in our entire country. Assured as I am that the Church must do her part in the great work of christian education, or that she will be derelict in duty, and cursed with barrenness, I hail with pleasure every such effort as this, and earnestly hope that there will very soon be another of the same character set on foot in a more central part of the Diocese.

August 18th, I met, at Rutherfordton, Messrs. Buxton, Hewitt, and Pickett, of this Diocese, and Mr. McCulloh of South Carolina. In the evening, Mr. Hewitt preached.

August 19th, I preached morning and evening, administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the other Clergymen present, and confirmed one person. In the afternoon, Mr. Pickett preached. In the evening of the 20th, I again preached. I found this parish vacant, and consequently languishing. Since my visit there the Rev. C. T. Bland, lately of the Diocese of South Carolina, has taken charge of it, and under his faithful labors I doubt not it will make progress, that blessing from above being vouchsafed to it, without which nothing is strong, nothing is holy.

August 22d, at Morganton, Mr. Buxton preached in the morning and I in the evening, and on that occasion confirmed seven persons.

23d, in the morning, I ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. James Thomas Pickett. I preached the sermon, and afterwards, assisted by the Clergy present, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, Mr. Hewitt preached, and in the evening, Mr. Prout.

August 25th, I preached at the Grove Meeting House, in Caldwell County.

26th, I preached, morning and evening, at Lenoir.

August 28th, at Valle Crucis, Mr. Skyles baptized an adult, I preached, confirmed five persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Prout.

29th, I preached at a Meeting House some miles lower down, on the Watunga River.

September 2d, at Wilkesborough, I preached in the morning, confirmed five persons, and, assisted by the Rector of the

Parish, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I again preached.

September 4th, I preached at Gwinn's Chapel, in Yadkin County.

6th, in the morning, I preached at Richmond Hill in the same County, and confirmed one person. In the evening, the Rev. J. R. Lee preached.

September 9th, I preached in the Moravian Church at Salem, where I met with the most cordial Christian kindness, and saw many gratifying evidences of successful industry, social harmony and peace, and earnest piety. It was to me also very pleasing and encouraging to observe the flourishing condition of the School in which so many of the daughters of North Carolina, and of the other Southern States, have received important aid in fitting themselves for the discharge of the duties of life.

Sept. 11th, I preached at Zion Chapel in Rockingham County.

September 13th, I preached at Leaksville, and administered the Communion, the Rev. Dr. Wade of Virginia, and the Rev. Mr. Lee assisting.

September 16th, I preached at Milton, morning and evening. Mr. Lee has been but a short time officiating at this place, but we have there some zealous members of the Church, and there is an encouraging prospect of a house of worship being soon erected, and a permanent congregation established.

September 25th, I attended another meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Seminary in New York.

October 11th, I preached in St. Mark's Church, Deep River, in Chatham County, morning and evening.

12th, in the evening, I preached in St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.

14th, at the same place, I preached morning and evening; in the morning administering the Holy Communion, with the assistance of Mr. Olmsted; in the evening confirming three persons.

21st, I preached, morning and evening, in Wilmington.

25th, I consecrated a neat and commodious Church at Woodville, in Bertie County, Messrs. Parkman and Bronson taking part in the service, and I preaching the sermon, and administering the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Bronson.

27th, at Halifax, Mr. Fitzgerald baptized an adult; Mr. Tho-

mas, late of Illinois, now of this Diocese, preached, and I confirmed one person.

28th, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Halifax. The erection of this handsome and convenient Church is an encouragement to effort in other quarters, for it was built neither by the many nor the rich, but by those to whom it cost effort and self-denial. The sermon was preached by Mr. Fitzgerald, under whose ministerial care the Church was built, and the sentence of consecration read by Mr. Cheshire, who in former years labored as a Missionary in the Parish. During the service I baptized an infant, and afterwards administered the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon Mr. Cheshire preached, and in the evening I did so, and confirmed one person.

29th, in the evening, at Wilson, I preached in the Methodist Church, the use of which was kindly offered us. It was the first instance of the celebration of the services of our Church in that growing village.

30th, I preached again at the same place.

October 31st, I consecrated the Church at Greenville, preaching the sermon, and administering the Communion, assisted in all the services by Messrs. Geer and Hughes. In the evening I again preached and confirmed four persons.

November 2d, at Trinity Church, Beaufort county, I preached, confirmed two persons, and assisted by the same Clergymen, administered the Holy Communion. In the evening at Washington the Rev. William Murphy preached.

November 3d, in St. Peter's Church, Washington, I preached morning and evening.

4th, at morning prayer I ordained the Rev. Joseph H. Murphy, Priest, at the same time preaching and administering the Holy Communion. Messrs. Geer and Hughes uniting with me in the services. In the afternoon the newly ordained Priest preached. In the evening I preached and confirmed five persons.

November 5th, at Zion Church, Beaufort County, Mr. Hughes baptized an infant, I preached, confirmed sixteen persons, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Messrs. Geer and Hughes.

November 6th, at Union Meeting House, in Beaufort County, Mr. Hughes baptized an adult, I preached and confirmed four persons.

November 7th, at Pugh's Chapel, Pitt County, Mr. Hughes read prayers, I preached, confirmed three persons and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Hughes.

November 8th, I preached at the same place.

9th, at Post Oak Meeting House, in Craven County, Mr. Hughes read prayers and baptized four infants, I preached and confirmed two persons.

10th, I preached in Christ Church, Newbern.

11th, I preached morning and evening in the same Church. These services in Newbern were not a part of my visitation, but rendered in consequence of the protracted illness and thereby necessary absence of the Rector of that Church. By God's goodness, his health I trust is re-established.

15th, I preached in Petersburg, Virginia, it being Thanksgiving Day in that State.

17th, at St. Matthew's Church, in Hillsborough, Mr. Hubbard preached.

18th, in the same Church I preached and assisted by Mr. Hubbard, administered the most comfortable Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to a bereaved and afflicted congregation, their Pastor the Rev. Mr. Donnelly having been recently removed from them by an early, but as we trust, to him gainful death. It is the first instance in which I have had to mourn the loss of a brother Clergyman in the Diocese by death since my connexion with it, and he who was the first taken of our number was not only among the most eminent in learning and ability, but among those endowed with the most vigorous constitution and the most unbroken health, and therefore his death is an especial call to us who survive, to remember to be ready. In the evening I again preached and confirmed two persons.

Nov. 23d, in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, after Evening Prayer, I preached.

24th, in the evening, I again preached, and confirmed fourteen persons.

25th, in the morning, I preached in the same Church, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Messrs. Huske and Gallagher. In the evening, I preached at Christ Church, Rockfish, and confirmed six persons.

27th, at Clinton, after Morning Prayer, I preached. In the evening Mr. Huske preached, and I confirmed five persons.

Nov. 29th, at Beatty's Bridge, in Bladen County, where Mr. Gallagher has been laboring as a Missionary, especially among the slaves, I preached, and baptized and confirmed three of that class of persons, being among the fruits of those labors. This station and Clinton are now vacant, Mr. Gallagher having since my visit taken charge of the Church in Halifax, together with the Chapel on Mr. Devereux's plantation.

Dec. 2d, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I ordained Francis M. Hilliard, Deacon. I preached the sermon, and, assisted by Dr. Mason, administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Hilliard is now Assistant Minister in St. Paul's Church, Edenton. In the evening, I preached in St. Mary's Chapel, and confirmed seven persons.

Dec. 9th, I preached morning and evening in Louisburg, of which Parish the Rev. F. W. Thomas was then Minister. On the two succeeding Sundays I preached in Christ Church, Raleigh.

On Christmas day I preached in St. James's Church, Wilmington, to which town I had just removed. And I must take this occasion to express my deep sense of the kindness and liberality which the Churchmen of Wilmington have shown, not only in providing me a very handsome and pleasant residence, but also in meeting and even anticipating not merely the wants but wishes of myself and my family with regard to its arrangements.

During the rest of the winter I was mainly in Wilmington, and when there gave such aid as I could to Dr. Drane in ministering to his important charge. On Sexagesima Sunday I was in Raleigh, having been called there by the sudden and deeply lamented death of my valued friend J. B. G. Roulhac, under whose hospitable roof I and my family had received during the previous year every mark of affectionate kindness which we might have expected had we been of near kindred to him, or his excellent wife, in this as in other things like-minded with himself. Never within my acquaintance has the death of a private citizen been more universally regretted than his. And well did he deserve the high place he occupied in the confidence and affection of the community. His flowing courtesy

and delicate respect for the opinions and feelings of others, continually reminded those who knew him of the best qualities of the race from which he sprung, and which his name indicated, while yet the bluntest of men could not have been more sincere, upright and honorable than he was. Having preached at St. Mary's in the morning, in the afternoon I took part with Dr. Mason in the funeral services over this excellent and honored man.

March 2d, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached in the morning, confirmed two persons and united with Dr. Mason in the administration of the Holy Communion. In the evening I preached at St. Mary's and confirmed six persons.

March 3d, P. M., I preached at Chapel Hill. Drs. Wheat and Hubbard, the Rev. Messrs. Olmsted and Henry T. Lee took part in the service. Mr. Lee has been recently elected Minister of this Parish, Dr. Wheat finding that his duties as Professor and Chaplain in the University made it impossible for him to devote to the Parish the time and labor which he thought its importance demanded. It is indeed in some respects one of the most important in the Diocese, and I am happy to believe that in this appointment it is well filled.

March 4th, P. M., I preached in the Church at Hillsborough, vacant since Mr. Donnelly's death.

March 5th, P. M., I preached at Greensborough, Mr. Parker of Salisbury, who had kindly met me there, taking part in the service. This village, one of the largest in the State, ought not to be neglected by us, and I hope ere long to have regular services there.

March 6th, P. M., at Lexington, Mr. Parker read prayers, baptized an infant, and I preached. Here efforts are making to build a Church.

March 7th, 8th and 9th, I preached five times in Salisbury, Mr. Parker baptized two adults and two infants, I confirmed ten persons and administered the Holy Communion.

March 10th, at St. Andrew's Church, Rowan, I preached, confirmed one person, and administered the Holy Communion.

March 11th and 12th, at Mocksville, I preached three times, baptized the infant child of the Minister the Rev. Mr. Wetmore, and, assisted by him, administered the Holy Communion.

14th, at Mills's settlement, in Iredell County, after Morning

prayer by Mr. Wetmore, I preached, confirmed fifteen persons, and administered the Holy Communion. It may be well to notice some circumstances connected with this congregation. Its nucleus consists of the descendants in the second and third generations of a worthy couple, who some fifty years ago emigrated from Maryland to this State; and the persons confirmed, with, I believe, one exception, and two other persons confirmed two days afterwards, were all of this connexion. The family are not in affluent circumstances, and have as yet had no Church in which to worship God, the services being held in one of their houses. They have received but little aid from the labors of Ministers, or tracts, or newspapers, or books indeed, except the Bible and Prayer Book. These, and the love, and the use of them, the aged sire and mother brought with them from Maryland, and transmitted to their descendants. The result has been under God's blessing that though some have fallen away, the religious character of the family as a whole, has been preserved; and their attachment to the Church maintained in a secluded neighborhood, surrounded by persons of other opinions, and attached to other kinds of worship. A very beneficial change in their position has been accomplished by their present Minister giving them one Sunday in four. To most persons this would seem a scanty allowance; to them, as compared with their former dearth, it appears as fulness of bread. They have already been so strengthened that they have entered on the building of a Church, to which their own contributions have been, in one instance at least, very liberal for their circumstances, and in which they have received important aid from Salisbury, Raleigh, Fayetteville and Wilmington, and perhaps other places, in answer to appeals from their zealous Minister. I consider these circumstances worthy of mention, as an encouragement to parents in this age of unsettled opinion in religion and even in morals, to give their children, in faith and patience, religious instruction in a definite form, "the Faith once delivered to the saints," embodied and borne in our heart as well as mind by prayers and solemn worship, as well as lessons and creeds.

March 16th, at Christ Church, Rowan, I preached, confirmed seventeen persons, and administered the Holy Communion. In Mr. Wetmore's care I had thus confirmed thirty-three per-

sions, mostly consisting of farmers and their families and showing the adaptation of the Church to a rural as well as an urban population, when the ground has been prepared for the good seed by parental care and labor, and the Minister is himself diligent and unflagging. In the evening of this day I preached in Salisbury, where also I was rejoiced to see gratifying evidence of the growth of the Church.

March 17th, in the evening I read in Charlotte, a Lecture bearing on some important christian doctrines and duties.

18th, I preached in Charlotte.

19th, I preached at a Presbyterian Church, in Lincoln County, near Beatty's Ford. There are a few members of our Church in this neighborhood, who are desirous to build for themselves a place of worship, a good work which I trust will not be frustrated.

March 20th, I preached in the evening at Lincolnton.

21st, Good Friday, I preached morning and evening at Lincolnton, on the last occasion confirming fourteen persons. Mr. Pickett, who met me here, and Mr. Hewitt took part in the services.

March 22d, Easter Even, I preached at Charlotte.

March 23d, Easter Day, in the morning I preached, and assisted by Mr. Hewitt, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon Mr. Hewitt baptized an infant, and Mr. Pickett preached. At night I preached and confirmed eight persons, having previously administered this ordinance to one in private, making nine altogether in Charlotte.

The congregation needs exceedingly an enlargement of their Meeting, and some of its more active members commenced to make an effort for that purpose while I was with them, which will certainly be successful if pressed with energy, for the town is very prosperous and rapidly growing, and the congregation is, even under ordinary circumstances, already larger than can well be accommodated in their present building.

March 24th, I preached in the evening at Monroe, to a large and orderly congregation, to whom our service was almost entirely new.

March 25th, in the evening at Wadesborough, Mr. Hewitt preached.

March 26th, I preached twice in the same place, baptized

three children, and confirmed eleven persons. This Parish has become vacant by the removal of Mr. Beckwith to the Diocese of Maryland.

March 30th, I preached morning and evening at Wilmington.

April 3d, at Wilson, Mr. Fitzgerald preached in the morning, and I, assisted by Mr. Murphy, administered the Holy Communion. In the evening I preached and confirmed one person, being the first occasion of the administration of that ordinance in this village. I appointed Mr. William Murphy some months ago to officiate here, together with Rocky Mount, taking charge at the same time of the religious instruction of the slaves of Mr. Turner Battle and his sisters. He has recently, with my consent, agreed also to serve once a month a new congregation at Marlborough, in Pitt County. In our Missionary fields our Clergy must be to a great extent Itinerants.

April 4th, I preached at Rocky Mount in the afternoon and administered the Communion, and in the evening, to the slaves of Mr. Battle and his sisters. As an encouraging indication of increasing interest in the religious instruction of slaves, I will mention that two ministers, in this quarter of the Diocese, have, in the last few months, been employed by masters to aid them in this part of their duty, Mr. Murphy by the Battle family, and Mr. Gallagher by Mr. T. P. Devereux. With Mr. Devereux indeed, the subject has long been one of deep interest, and practical effort.

April 5th, in the evening at Mr. H. K. Burgwyn's chapel, I preached to his slaves.

April 6th, at Jackson, I preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Gallagher. In the evening Mr. Gallagher preached. This interesting Parish is still vacant.

April 8th, at Murfreesborough, I preached in the morning, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Fitzgerald. In the evening Mr. F. preached. Here the work of building a Church is begun.

April 10th, Mr. Watson, who had come up to Windsor to meet me, read Morning Prayer in the Church at that place. Mr. Bronson the Minister being unwell, I preached. In the evening I again preached, and confirmed two persons.

April 11th, I again preached, and assisted by Mr. Watson, ad-

ministered the Lord's Supper. In the evening Mr. Watson preached.

April 13th, I preached morning and evening at Plymouth, united with Messrs. Watson and Patterson in the administration of the Communion, and confirmed two persons.

April 14th, I again preached at Plymouth. Here the Church is about to receive an enlargement, which the growth of the Congregation demands.

April 15th, at St. Luke's, Washington County, I preached, and united with Messrs. Watson and Patterson in administering the Communion.

16th, at Pettigrew's Chapel, I preached, confirmed five persons, and administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by Messrs. Murphy and Watson. Among other improvements recently effected by this congregation, I observed with pleasure one so much needed in most of our Parishes, a Parsonage House, in this instance remarkably neat, convenient, and well furnished, which they have provided for their Minister, and which has been completed since my visitation of last year. In the evening, Mr. Watson preached at the Lake Chapel.

17th, at that Chapel, in the morning I preached and confirmed fourteen persons, thirteen of whom were the slaves of Mr. Josiah Collins. Messrs. Watson and Patterson administered the Communion to nearly a hundred participants, consisting mainly of his slaves and those of Mr. Charles Pettigrew, but including likewise the more immediate family of each of these gentlemen. In the evening Mr. Watson preached to the same congregation.

11th, at Edenton, in the morning Mr. Watson preached. In the evening I preached.

12th, morning and evening I preached, and on the first occasion administered the Lord's Supper, assisted by the Ministers of the Parish, Messrs. Johnston and Hilliard. In the afternoon the servants were catechised by Mr. Hilliard, and at night I confirmed six persons, and two others the next day, making eight in this Parish. A subscription is on foot to build a Chapel in this place for the colored people. It is among them that Mr. Hilliard principally labors.

23d, at Lassiter's Chapel in Gates County, Mr. Hilliard, who had accompanied me from Edenton, read Prayers, and I preached and confirmed two persons.

April 24th, at Gatesville, I preached in the morning, and assisted by Messrs. Snowden and Hilliard, administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, Mr. Hilliard preached, and in the evening I again preached and confirmed one person.

26th, at Woodville, Perquimons County, I preached, baptized an infant, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by Mr. Snowden. In the evening at Hertford, Mr. Watson preached.

27th, at Hertford, I ordained the Rev. George Patterson, Priest, I preached, and administered the Communion, assisted in all the services by Messrs. Watson and Snowden. In the afternoon Mr. Patterson preached, and in the evening, I again did so, and confirmed four persons.

28th, at morning service, Mr. Watson preached, and I followed with an address to the congregation.

May 4th, at Wilmington, I preached, and administered the Communion, assisted by Dr. Drane. In the evening I again preached, and confirmed seven persons.

May 11th, at Goldsborough, I preached morning and evening, administered the Communion and confirmed five persons. These services were celebrated in a new Church just erected by the Presbyterians, to whose kindness we were indebted for the use of it, even in advance of the performance of any of their own services in it. Mr. Fitzgerald is strenuously and successfully exerting himself to urge on the building of our own Church in this flourishing village. It is hoped it may be ready for use by the coming Winter.

12th, in the evening I preached at Kinston.

May 15th, I preached at Beaufort, in a building rented from the Baptists, for the use of our congregation just beginning to be organized in this town, whose future is so full of hope. For the last eight months the Rev. D. D. Van Antwerp has been laboring here acceptably, and now begins to see some fruit of those patient labors. His congregations are encouragingly full, especially when it is remembered how little material he found prepared with which to build up a congregation. A Church edifice is in contemplation, and ought to be erected as soon as possible, with generous aid from all parts of the Diocese. For labors and contributions now bestowed on the Church in Beaufort, will probably accomplish more than five-fold their

amount would a few years hence. An important donation to the Church was made while I was there, by a lady of liberal spirit, who was not even a member of the congregation. It was that of a very eligible lot for the future Church edifice.

May 16th, I preached again in this place, and confirmed two persons.

17th, at Christ Church, Newbern, Mr. Forbes preached in the evening.

May 18th, I preached morning and evening, administered the Communion, and confirmed sixteen persons. This congregation goes on to flourish, notwithstanding that for more than half of the last year it was deprived of the services of their valued Minister, by a protracted illness from which he is now slowly recovering.

19th, at Newbern, in the evening, I read prayers and Mr. Forbes preached. The next morning I came on to this town.

During the past year I have confirmed two hundred and seventy-one persons, of whom sixty-four were colored. At five Ordinations I have ordained four Priests and one Deacon: I have consecrated four Churches: I have officiated at one funeral, one baptism of an Adult, and seven of Infants. Four Clergymen have been received into the Diocese, viz: The Rev. D. D. Van Antwerp, now serving at Beaufort; the Rev. F. W. Thomas, lately officiating at Louisburg, which charge he has however now resigned; the Rev. Henry T. Lee, who has taken charge of the congregation at Chapel Hill; and the Rev. Chas. T. Bland, who is Rector of St. John's Church, Rutherfordton. One has died, the Rev. J. B. Donnelly, of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and one has been transferred, viz: the Rev. John Beckwith, to the Diocese of Maryland.

There are at present nine Candidates for Holy Orders, viz: Samuel S. Barber, Silas D. Davenport, Stephen C. Roberts, Thomas G. Haughton, Israel Harding, Daniel Morrelle, Henry Augustus Skinner, Walter Weir, and Reginald H. Murphy.

I have received notice from their respective Diocesans of the deposition from the sacred Ministry, during the last twelve months, of Augustus L. Converse, of the Diocese of South Carolina; of William Markoe, of that of Wisconsin; of John S. Davenport, of Western New York; of John P. Robins, of Maryland; of George W. Timlow and William H. Marsh, both of

New York; of John Henry Linebaugh, of Georgia, and of Henry M. Roberts, of Indiana.

In concluding this address, it seems a fit occasion to say that throughout our Diocese, there is evidence of marked and steady progress of the Church. No Parish in which there is a resident Minister has declined in strength, and in by far the greater number there is a cheering advance. New Churches are building and the old are being enlarged. The Clergy as a body are acknowledged by those without, as well as within our pale, to be laborious, faithful, and self-denying men, and their office among us, is more honored than is usual elsewhere in this hard and levelling age.

The material prosperity of the State itself, which is so sensibly on the increase, by increasing the population on which we act, and extending and elevating the education of the people, assists the progress of the Church. It is certain too that it has fewer difficulties to surmount caused by mere prejudice and unreasoning antipathy, for these must, from the nature of the case, diminish, as it is better known, and in point of fact all observe this diminution. Yet, still it has very serious hindrances to contend with, and this advance, though marked, does not correspond with what might be reasonably expected from the truth of its principles, the beauty of its services, the zeal of its Clergy, and the character, position and influence of its members. Our first want is undoubtedly a spiritual one. We need more faith and love. We do not believe as we ought, that the time is short, and that the Judge is at the door, and that soon we must give strict account of what we have done, and what we have left undone. We do not love as we ought either the Master who has redeemed us, or the souls which are perishing around us. But we have open, palpable shortcomings to lament and to *remedy*, which hinder the progress of that great work which God has entrusted to us, to be done in this field. A wide and effectual door is open to us, but we do not press in. From almost every part of the State, a cry comes to us for help. That cry is especially urgent from Hyde, from Carteret, from Onslow, from Bladen, from Davidson, from Forsyth, from Ashe, and from Cherokee. In many other places, the Church would be gladly welcomed; in these it is importunately asked for. They want Ministers, they want help in

erecting houses of worship. In some places where Ministers are settled they are compelled to remove, or at least made very uncomfortable by the want of a dwelling. If they rent one, it costs them not unfrequently a third or a fourth of their salary, and even then at the close of each year, they are liable to be turned out, not knowing where to go. We want then Churches, we want parsonages, and we want a greatly increased number of Ministers. Some systematic method of aiding feeble Parishes in obtaining the former is exceedingly needed. In providing Ministers, we must look principally homeward for a supply. I believe it to be the will of God that the Clergy of a country should belong to the country. It is not without meaning that we are told how the Apostles ordained Elders in every city, i. e. not sending them there, but raising them from among the people themselves. But to do this permanently and effectually, we must have schools at home under the care of the Church, Parochial and Diocesan schools; we need these likewise for the training of children intended for secular pursuits. We must acknowledge that there are other bodies of christians in the State who in proportion to their means, do much more for the cause of education than we do, and thereby are not only public benefactors, but advance also their own religious faith and polity. Surely we ought not to consent to be thus outstripped in the race of social utility, and religious progress.

There is another subject to which I would especially call the attention of the Clergy. It is the duty of systematically contributing what we can, much or little, to the spread of the Gospel beyond our own bounds as a Diocese, in our own country as well as in foreign lands. I know that our own State is to a great extent Missionary ground, but so was Judea when the Apostles went out into all the world. I know too that some of our congregations can give but little for such objects, neither could that woman whose gift was yet declared by Him who knows the value of all things, to be of more value than those of all the rich men.

If each congregation were to give of its abundance or its poverty once a year to Domestic, and once to Foreign Missions, the result would be considerable even in a pecuniary point of view, and still more valuable in its reflex action upon their own religious character,—for it is ever true that “the liberal soul shall

be made fat, and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

And now, Brethren, I commend you to God, and the power of His grace. May our counsels be guided by His wisdom, and our works wrought in obedience to His will.

THOMAS ATKINSON.

Papers in relation to the formation of the Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Beaufort, were handed in, and, on motion, they were referred to the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Daniel D. Van Antwerp, assisted by the Rev. F. W. Hilliard, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. F. M. Hubbard, from the 10th chapter of the 2d Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, 31st verse.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

P. H. Winston, S. H. McRae, John McC. Boyle, Dr. Thos. D. Warren, John Thompson, John Skinner, Benjamin Skinner, S. C. Benjamin, and F. B. Satterthwaite, Lay members of the Convention, appeared and took their seats.

Hon. R. M. Saunders, a Delegate from Christ Church, Raleigh, appeared and took his seat.

Parochial Reports were called for, and, on motion, the reading of them was dispensed with, and they were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

ST. JAMES'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 28, colored 16; Adult, white 1, col'd 2,	47
Catechumens, (average)	129
Confirmations—White 6, colored 1,	7
Communicants—Number last year, white 270, colored 20; added by first Communion, white 6, colored 1; ditto by removal, white 1; lost by death, white 4, colored 1; ditto by removal, white 9; total now, white 264, colored 20,	284
Marriages—White	3

Funerals—White 15, colored 2,	17
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$555 25
Bishop's Salary,	300 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Domestic Missions,	101 90
Foreign Missions,	40 00
Education Committee, (from S. School,)	19 08
Parochial objects,	548 25
Other objects,	13,354 75
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	\$14,979 23
	R. B. DRANE.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

Rev. JOSEPH C. HUSKE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 12, colored 7; Adult, white 2, colored 2,	23
Confirmations—White 10, colored 4,	14
Communicants—Number last year, white 138, colored 14; added by first Communion, white 8, colored 4; ditto by removal, white 5, colored 2; lost by death, white 2, colored 2; ditto by removal, white 7, colored 2; total now, white 142; col'd 16,	158
Marriages—White 4, colored 1,	5
Funerals—White 5, colored 5,	10
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$320 00
Bishop's Salary,	280 00
Relief Fund,	60 00
Domestic Missions,	88 45
Foreign Missions,	145 40
Parochial objects,	248 80
Missionary collection for Bishop,	64 63
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	\$1207 28

The Rector of this Parish is deeply sensible, that much more might be done in it for the good of souls, and for the extending of the Redeemer's kingdom, if he had full strength to embrace the opportunities which offer. He is not, however, without the cheering hope, that by the blessing of God on his ministry, many are seriously urging the great work—preparing to give account “in that day.”

In relation to the colored people, he has only to repeat what was said in the last report, that it is impossible for him to serve them as they ought to be served, with powers of body and mind exhausted by labor among the whites.

Indeed, it seems clear, *in general*, that the Church will never assert her just power and influence over this class, until she furnishes them with a special ministry. We cannot expect fruit in this portion of the Lord's vineyard, as we cannot in any other, without assiduous cultivation.

J. C. HUSKE.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 7, adult 1,	8
Catechumens—White, (about)	56
Confirmations—White,	*4
Communicants—Number last year, white 109, colored 7; added by first Communion, white 4; ditto by removal, white 7; lost by death, white 2; ditto by removal, white 5; ditto by with- drawal, white 1; total now, white 112, colored 7,	119
Marriages—White,	7
Funerals—White,	5
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$210 00
Bishop's Salary,	280 00
Relief Fund,	40 00
Domestic Missions,	112 00
Foreign Missions,	20 00
Parochial objects,	142 85
Other objects,	230 00
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	\$1034 85

Besides the other sums collected for Diocesan Missions, there was collected by the Bishop, at his visitation of the Parish on the first Sunday in March, \$80 for the same object; making in all for Domestic Missions \$290.

The Rector hopes he will be pardoned for here expressing his sense of the recent liberality of the Vestry, in voluntarily and very kindly raising the amount of his salary one-fourth.

* Of these four, one was confirmed in sickness in private, and another at St. Mary's School.

R. S. MASON.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 3, Infant 23,	26
Confirmations,	5
Communicants—Added 9, died 2, present number	135
Marriages,	6
Funerals,	12
Contributions—Assessment for the Episcopate,	\$135 00
Ditto for the Relief Committee,	30 00
Amount collected for Diocesan Missions,	151 50
“ “ “ Parochial Charities,	72 73
“ “ “ other Parochial objects,	525 00
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	\$913 73

EDWIN GEER.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. HENRY F. GREENE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 24, colored 5; adult, white 1, colored 2,	32
Catechumens—White 145, colored 79,	215
Confirmations—White,	16
Communicants—Number last year, white 133, colored 32; added by first Communion, white 3, colored 1; lost by death, white 6; ditto by removal, white 1; total now, white 134, col'd 33,	167
Marriages—White,	4
Fanerals—White 11, colored 2,	13
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$211 10
Bishop's Salary,	225 00
Relief Fund,	40 96
Domestic Missions,	40 00
Foreign Missions,	40 00
Parochial objects,	630 00
Other objects,	310 00
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	\$1497 06

The fact that this Parish has been for nearly eight months during the past year without regular pastoral ministrations, on account of the protracted illness of its Rector, may account for noticeable deficiencies in several of the assessments which it has been the custom to collect by weekly contributions. The Ladies' Sewing Society of this Parish deserves high praise for the industry and perseverance of its acting members during the year past, by which, *without Fairs* or public sales, they have been enabled to contribute considerable sums to Parochial and Missionary objects.

The Parochial Schools for the poor, including boys and girls, are now placed under a regular salaried teacher, and visited by Committees appointed from those members of the Church who take the deepest interest in the work of christianizing and elevating the subjects of poverty and ignorance. A Classical School, in which it is designed to combine Church training with secular instruction, has been commenced under a highly competent teacher with fair prospects of success. And it is expected that a Young Ladies' School will shortly be opened under promising auspices.

HENRY F. GREENE.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector.

Rev. FRANCIS W. HILLIARD, Deacon.

Baptisms—Infant 58, Adult 3,	61
Catechumens,	160
Confirmations,	8
Communicants—Number last year 150; added by first Communion 12, ditto by removal 1; lost by death and removal 11, ditto by excommunication 2; total now	150

Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$232 03
Bishop's Salary,	266 00
Relief Fund,	50 00
Foreign Missions,	125 00
Parochial objects,	135 66
Other objects,	225 00
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	\$1033 69

SAM'L I. JOHNSTON.

FRANCIS W. HILLIARD.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. JOHN H. PARKER, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 17, Adult 4,	21
Catechumens—White,	24
Confirmations—White,	11
Communicants—White, added by first Communion, 8; ditto by removal 1; lost by death, 1, ditto by removal 2; total now, white 48, colored 1,	49
Marriages—White,	2
Funerals—White,	10
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$88 02
Bishop's Salary,	35 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
Domestic Missions,	62 93
Parochial objects,	100 00
Other objects,	150 00
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	\$445 95

CHURCH OF REDEMPTION, LEXINGTON.

Communicants,	6
Baptisms—White Infant,	2

The members of the Church in this Parish have renewed their efforts to erect a Church building, and I trust that before the next meeting of the Convention, with some assistance from other Parishes, it will at least be partially completed.

JOHN H. PARKER.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. E. M. FORBES, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 22, colored 9; Adult, white 10,	41
Catechumens—White 70, colored 15,	85
Communicants—Number last year, white 66, colored 11; added by first Communion, white 4, colored 2; ditto by removal, white 2; lost by death, white 4; ditto by removal, white 3; total now, white 65, colored 13,	78

Funerals—White,	11
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$85 00
Bishop's Salary,	40 00
Relief Fund,	18 00
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	150 00
Parochial objects,	6440 00
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	\$6728 00

The Bishop has not visited the Parish, which accounts for there being no Confirmations. We have been so much blessed in our Parochial Schools, that we were encouraged to commence a third, to be taught by the Young Ladies of the Congregation. By the kind assistance of our friends, particularly of Edenton, we have been enabled to build a new School House, and the Scholars are already engaged. By the exertions of the Ladies, more than six thousand dollars have been raised for the erection of a new Church.

E. M. FORBES.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

Rev. HORATIO H. HEWITT, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3; Adult, white 4, colored 1,	8
Confirmations—White 7, colored 2,	9
Communicants—Number last year, white 15; added by first Communion, white 8, colored 3; ditto by removal, white 6; lost by death, white 1, colored 1; total now, white 28, colored 3,	31
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	7 50
Relief Fund,	2 40
Parochial objects,	390 22
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	\$415 12

One of the Adult Baptisms in this report was in Monroe, the county town of Union.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLNTON.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 16; Adult, colored 7,	27
Confirmations—White 2, colored 12,	14
Communicants—Number last year, white 24; added by first Communion, white 4, colored 12; lost by removal, white 5; total now, white 23, colored 12,	35
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	15 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Parochial objects,	213 87
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	\$247 47

BEATTIE'S FORD.

During the last half of the Conventional year I have devoted the fifth Sundays to Missionary-duty at this place; at which services I have administered the Communion, chiefly to the members of one family.

Here, and in the surrounding country, there are 8 Communicants.

HORATIO H. HEWITT.

PETTIGREW'S CHAPEL, SCUPPERNONG, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. JOSEPH W. MURPHY, Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, white 5, colored 14; Adult, colored 11,	30
Catechumens—White, about	20
Confirmations—White 2, colored 3,	5
Communicants—White 55, colored 11,	66
Burials—White 7, colored 1,	8
Contributions—Bishop's Salary, (Assessment,)	\$34 00
Diocesan Missions, “	38 00
Relief Fund, “	9 60
Permanent Episcopal Fund,	100 00
Support of two native children in African Mission,	40 00
Diocesan Missions, by collection at Bishop's visitation,	34 62
Domestic Missions,	67 31
Foreign Missions,	37 75
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	\$361 28

Services are held regularly every Sunday morning in Pettigrew's Chapel. There are also services in the Chapel one afternoon in each month, for the colored part of the congregation. The afternoons of the other Sundays are given to Missionary work in different parts of Washington and Tyrrell Counties. Regular monthly services are held at Columbia, the County seat of Tyrrell, and at a School House in Washington County, near the Sound. Other Stations are visited occasionally. Much encouragement has been met with, and a desire to know the truth begins to prevail in some neighborhoods where before prejudice held full sway.

JOSEPH W. MURPHY.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. L. L. SMITH, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 6, colored 7; Adult, white 1,	14
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants—White, number last year 63; added by first Communion 3, ditto by removal 2; lost by death 1, ditto by removal 16; total now	51
Marriages—White 1, colored 2,	3

Funerals—White,	9
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$75 00
Bishop's Salary,	67 00
Relief Fund,	7 00
Foreign Missions,	10 00
Parochial objects,	*46 00
Other objects,	50 00

* Amount not yet accurately ascertained, but believed to be several hundred dollars.

L. L. SMITH.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

Rev. RICHARD HINES, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 1, colored 4; Adult, colored 1,	6
Communicants—No. last year 24; lost by removal 1, total now	23
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$24 00
Missionary Fund,	27 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Foreign Missions,	16 50
Nashotah,	16 50
Parochial purposes,	47 70
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	\$136 70

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Rev. RICHARD HINES, Rector.

Baptisms—White 10, colored 45,	55
Communicants—Number last year 14; lost by removal 2, added	
2, total now	14
Confirmations, (at Convention in Warrenton,)	2
Funeral—Colored,	1
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$20 00
Missionary Fund,	20 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Foreign Missions,	6 50
Nashotah,	6 50
Parochial purposes,	792 31
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	\$850 31

In these Parishes the services of the Church are performed on the alternate Sundays, in the morning for the whites and in the afternoon for the blacks. The congregations are large and quite attentive. The male portion of my Parishes, though kind friends and good citizens, appear to think that religion is commendable in women, though not at all desirable for Men.

I should have stated that the fifth Sunday is devoted to Missionary duty in the neighborhood, where I hope at least to do away with some of the prejudice against the Church. I had services twice a week during Lent, except Holy

Week, wherein the Church was opened daily, and I am firmly convinced (for my people live from two to five miles from Church) that when the Church is opened, and the duty of Communicants enforced upon them, they *will attend*.

Of the amount raised in the latter Parish for Parochial purposes, seven hundred and fifty dollars have been guarantied by the Ladies for the purpose of repairing the Rectory. The Ladies of this congregation deserve much commendation for the zeal they have manifested.

RICHARD HINES.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. ROBERT B. SUTTON, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 34,	41
Communicants—Number last year, white 57, colored 8; added by first Communion, white 1, ditto by removal, white 1; lost by death, white 2, ditto by removal, white 3; total now, white 54, colored 8,	62
Marriages—White 1, colored 3,	4
Funerals—White 4, colored 5,	9
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$35 00
Bishop's Salary,	35 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
Foreign Missions,	10 00
Parochial objects,	729 09
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	\$818 09

There has been no Episcopal visitation.

ST. JAMES'S, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

Communicants—White,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$10 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
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	\$25 00

At this Station, seven miles from Oxford, services are kept up on alternate Sunday afternoons, with cheering prospects.

ROBT B. SUTTON.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD.

Rev. WM. E. SNOWDEN, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	5
Confirmations—White 1, colored 3,	4
Communicants—Added by first Communion 2, ditto by removal 1; lost by removal 3; total new	27
Marriage,	1

Funerals,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$30 00
Bishop's Salary,	27 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
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	\$59 40

ST. BARNABAS, WOODVILLE, PERQUIMONS COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 1, Adult 1,	2
Communicants,	2

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, GATESVILLE.

Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN, Minister.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 3,	6
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—White 10, colored 1,	11
Funerals—White 1, colored 2,	3
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$7 50
Missionary Fund,	7 50
Relief Fund,	2 50
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	\$17 50

W. E. SNOWDEN.

REPORT of the Rev. George Patterson, Assistant Minister of St. Luke's Parish, having charge of the Chapel at Lake Scuppernong, Washington County.

Baptisms—Infant, colored 15; Adult, white 1, colored 11,	27
Catechumens—Colored,	222
Confirmations—White 1, colored 13,	14
Communicants—Number last year, colored 101; added by first Communion, white 1, colored 13; ditto by removal, white 1; lost by death, colored 4; total now, white 2, colored 110,	112
Marriages—Colored,	7
Funerals—Colored,	8
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$82 16

GEO. PATTERSON.

ST. PAUL'S, CLINTON, SAMPSON COUNTY.

Rev. PEYTON GALLAGHER, late Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant,	2
Confirmations—White,	5
Communicants,	15
Funeral—White,	1

Contributions, (Communion Alms,)

\$28 65

It is due to the members of this Parish to state, that they raised the salary of the late Rector \$100 beyond the amount originally stipulated.

BLADEN COUNTY.

Rev. PEYTON GALLAGHER, late Miss'y in charge.

Baptisms—Colored Infant 23, Adult 3,	26
Confirmations—Colored,	3
Communicants—White,	3
Contributions for support of services,	\$150 00

ST. MARK'S, HALIFAX.

Rev. PEYTON GALLAGHER, Rector.

The present Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties on the first Sunday in January last. The congregations thus far have been good and attentive.

Baptisms—Colored Infant,	10
Communicants,	12
Contributions—Episcopal Fund,	\$10 00
Communion Alms,	15 72
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The Baptisms reported took place on the plantation of Thos. P. Devereux, Esq., where services for the colored people have been held twice each month since February last.

Attended and baptized, at Goldsborough, a criminal under sentence of death.

PEYTON GALLAGHER.

REPORT of Rev. William W. Skiles, at the Watauga Mission and parts of Ashe County.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, Adult, white 2,	5
Confirmations—White,	5
Communicants—Number last year, white 15, colored 4; added by first Communion, white 5; lost by removal, white 5, colored 2; total now, white 15, colored 2,	17
Marriages—White,	2
Funerals—White,	2
Collection at the Offertory,	3 50

I have held Divine Service at the following places, viz: at the lower Watauga once a month, on Sunday; I have assisted the Rev. Mr. Prout five times at Valle Crucis, in the services and in the administration of the cup in the Holy Communion; three times I have held divine service at Elk Cross Roads in Ashe County; four times in Jefferson, in same County; twice on the Linnville; six times at Easter Chapel; seven times at Cranberry Forge; six times in the vicinity of Valle Crucis, at a private house on Mast's Mill Creek. Owing to the severity of the weather, I was prevented from having a congregation for nearly

two months, during the months of January and February. I have great reason to be thankful for the few that have been added to the Church during the past or present year.

W. W. SKILES, Deacon.

GRACE CHURCH, BERTIE COUNTY.

Rev. BENJ'N S. BRONSON, Minister.

Baptisms—White Infant,	3
Communicants—White, number last year 6; added by first Com- munion 2; total now	8
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$7 50
Bishop's Salary,	7 50
Relief Fund,	2 50
Domestic Missions,	5 95
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	\$23 45

This Church has been completed and consecrated during the past year.

ST. THOMAS'S, WINDSOR.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7, colored 20; Adult, white 3,	30
Confirmations—White,	2
Communicants—Number last year, white 18, colored 1; added by first Communion, white 6, ditto by removal, white 1; total now, white 25, colored 1,	26
Funerals—White 3, colored 1,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$30 00
Bishop's Salary,	27 00
Relief Fund,	6 00
Domestic Missions,	16 03
Parochial objects,	61 75
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	\$140 78

During the past year, sufficient funds for the erection of a commodious Country Chapel have been raised within this Parish.

BENJ'N S. BRONSON.

REPORT of Rev. N. Collin Hughes, officiating in Pitt, Beaufort and Craven Counties.

TRINITY PARISH, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infants, white 4, colored 11; Adult, white 1,	16
Communicants—Number last year, white 38, colored 2; added by first Communion 5, ditto otherwise 3; removed 3; total now, white 42, colored 3,	45
Confirmations—White 1, colored 1,	2
Catechumens—White,	47

Marriages—White,	4
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$38 69
Bishop's Salary,	24 00
Relief Fund,	9 00
Education Fund,	10 00
Parochial objects,	5 00
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	\$86 69

ZION CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infant, white 11, colored 25,	36
Confirmations—White,	12
Communicants—White, number last year 31; died 1, added by first Communion 12; present number	42
Funerals—White Adult 1, colored Adult 1, Infant 1,	3
Catechumens—White,	42
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$3 00
Bishop's Salary,	2 00
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	\$5 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PITT COUNTY.

Baptisms—Infant, white 1; Adult, colored 1,	2
Catechumens, (about)	30
Confirmations—White,	3
Communicants—Added by first Communion 3, died 2; present number, white 16, colored 2,	18
Funerals—White Adult,	2
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
Diocesan Missions,	15 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
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	\$27 50

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 10; Adult, white 4,	16
Confirmations—White,	4
Communicants—Added by first Communion 4, removed 3; total now	14
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$10 00
Diocesan Missions,	15 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Parochial objects,	250 00
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	\$277 40

The building in which this congregation had been worshipping for some time past, was completed and consecrated within the past year.

ST. THOMAS'S, BATH.

Baptisms—White, Infant 6, Adult 3,	9
Confirmations—White,	8
Communicants—Added by first Communion 8, lost by death 2, removed 4; present number, white 26, colored 5,	31
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$5 00
Bishop's Salary,	3 00
Relief Fund,	2 00
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	\$10 00

ST. JOHN'S, DURHAM'S CREEK.

I have not visited this Parish during the past year. The number of Communicants is about 7.

SWIFT CREEK, CRAVEN COUNTY.

I have had a week-day monthly appointment at this place for about 9 months.

Baptisms—White, Infant 10, Adult 1,	11
Confirmations,	2
Communicant—White,	1

During the past year Lay Reading has been performed and Sunday Schools established in Zion Parish, Beaufort County, and St. John's, Pitt County. Mr. S. S. Barber has labored in the former Parish, and Mr. I. Harding in the latter. To both of them I am indebted for self-denying and zealous co-operation.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2, colored 7; Adult, white 1,	10
Confirmations—White,	4
Communicants—Number last year, white 19; lost by removal 1; total now,	18
Marriages—White,	2
Funerals—White,	3
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$20 00

W. T. JOHNSON, }
W. W. GREEN, } Wardens.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

We report only the following contributions for the last year, viz:

Bishop's Salary, (as assessed,)	\$7 50
Missionary Assessment,	9 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Parochial objects, about	21 65
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	\$40 55

Besides this, the Church has been neatly plastered and fenced in during the past year, and steps are being taken towards the erection of a bell tower.

B. F. HALSEY, Jr., Warden.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. A. F. OLMSTED, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 7; Adult, white 1, colored 2,	10
Catechumens—White,	8
Confirmations—White 2, colored 1,	3
Communicants—Number last year, white 30, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 1, colored 1; total now, white 31, colored 3,	34
Marriages—White,	1
Funerals—Colored,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$18 00
Bishop's Salary,	26 64
Relief Fund,	12 00
Domestic Missions,	19 68
Other objects,	18 67
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	\$94 99

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, DEEP RIVER.

Rev. A. F. OLMSTED, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 2; Adult, white 1,	3
Communicants—Number last year, white 6, colored 1; total now, white 6, colored 1,	7
Funerals—White,	1
Contributions—Relief Fund,	\$3 70

A. F. OLMSTED,

CHAPEL HILL.

I have attended one Funeral in St. Matthew's Parish, Hillsborough. My other Clerical ministrations during the past year have been confined to an occasional service for the Clergy, or in vacant places, in my vicinity.

F. M. HUBBARD.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

Rev. H. T. LEE, Rector.

Baptisms—Colored Infant,	15
Catechumens—White 60, colored 20,	80
Communicants—White, number last year 36; added by first Com- munion 1, ditto by removal 6; lost by removal 6; total now,	37

Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$15 00
Bishop's Salary,	15 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Parochial objects,	30 00
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	\$63 60

This report includes the period of four months only, since the present Rector has been the incumbent.

HENRY T. LEE.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Baptisms—White Infant,	3
Confirmations,	2
Communicants,	46
Marriage,	1
Funerals—White,	3
Collected for Bishop's Salary, Missionary and Relief Funds,	\$84 00

Owing to the death of our late Rector, the Rev. J. B. Donnelly, (whose loss to the Church cannot be fairly appreciated,) this report is not as complete as it should be.

The services of the Church have been continued by the kind offices of the Rev. Dr. Wheat, and the Rev. Messrs. Hubbard and Hines.

The Vestry hope in a short time to procure the services of a Missionary for St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, and St. Mary's Chapel, Orange.

THOS. B. HILL, Sec'y of Vestry.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

Rev. JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 4; Adult, white 2, colored 1,	11
Confirmations—White 4, colored 1,	5
Communicants—Removed 3, added 4; present number, white 17, colored 4,	21
Marriage,	1
Burials,	5
Sunday School Scholars,	25
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$50 00
Domestic Missions,	30 75
Foreign Missions,	40 00
Bishop's Assessment,	34 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
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	\$184 75

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Rev. JOSEPH BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 4; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	6
Confirmations—White 2, colored 2,	4

Communicants—Added 4; present number, white 29, colored 8,	37
Burials,	4
Sunday School Scholars,	30
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$65 00
Domestic Missions,	30 25
Foreign Missions,	43 00
Bishop's Assessment,	48 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
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	\$198 25

Since last Convention, a very neat brick Gothic Church has been constructed in this Parish, and there is a very marked increase of congregations, and interest manifested for the Church, in both of my Parishes.

During last Summer, I officiated on Sunday mornings in St. Paul's Church, Louisburg, and in the afternoon at the Franklin County Poor House.

Buried 2 persons in St. Paul's Parish.

Baptized, at the residence of Dr. W. T. Johnson, 9 colored Infants.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 6, colored 3; Adult, colored 1,	10
Catechumens—White 15, colored 10,	25
Communicants—White, number last year 17; added by first Com-	
munion 1, ditto by removal 3; lost by death 1, ditto by removal	
1, total now, white	19
Marriage—Colored,	1
Funerals—White 4, colored 5,	9
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$9 00
Bishop's Salary,	8 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Domestic Missions,	3 50
Foreign Missions,	3 50
Parochial objects,	9 50
For Diocesan Missions also, by Bp. Atkinson,	15 25
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	\$51 15

The contribution for Domestic and Foreign Missions having never been acknowledged in "The Spirit of Missions," has probably miscarried through the mail.

On account of the burning up of the materials which had been prepared for the New Building, and the severity of the Winter, which prevented the plastering, we have just been enabled to complete and occupy the Buildings intended for a Diocesan School. The whole property, as improved, is cheaply valued at \$8000. There is an insurance of \$3000 upon the brick building. The doors of the Institution are now open for the admission of pupils. As soon as the number of pupils warrant, no pains or expense will be spared to procure the

services of an able and efficient Lay-teacher. Our aim is, not only to furnish facilities of study to older youth who may have the Ministry directly in view, but also to take and educate the boys of the Church, under the method of the Prayer Book, and in all christian culture. JARVIS BUXTON.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

Rev. J. R. LEE, Rector.

Baptism—Infant, white,	1
Communicants—Number last year 19, total now, white	19
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White 5, colored 1,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$12 00
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic Missions,	20 00
Foreign Missions,	20 00
Parochial objects,	5 00
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	\$72 00

MILTON, CASWELL COUNTY.

At the request of the Bishop, I began to hold a monthly service at this place, on the 2d Sunday of last July. There are 4 or 5 families attached to the Church. We worship, for the present, in the Baptist Church, the use of which was kindly tendered.

I have generally had good congregations—owing somewhat, I presume, to the circumstance of there being no other preaching in the village, on the same day. The people are a Church-going people, attentive, and orderly.

Milton is full 40 miles from Leaksville, and Dan River is to be crossed three times. If the River is too much swollen to be crossed by ferry, I have to go about 50 miles. From this consideration, I can hardly look upon my going there as a permanent arrangement. However, I will do so as long as I can, or until some other arrangement can be made.

Communicants

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JNO. R. LEE.

REPORT of Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary in Caldwell County.

There is no very marked change in the condition of the Church in Caldwell County since my report of last year. The regular congregations, both at Le-noir and the Yadkin, are quite small. A recent effort to build a Rectory, which promises to be successful, is an encouraging circumstance in reference to the state of the Church in this County.

In Watauga County, I have preached and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper a few times during the past year, as has been my practice heretofore.

With the consent of the Bishop, I went to Cherokee County last Fall as a

Missionary of the Church, and have preached there about four months, chiefly during the Winter, and at various stations in the county. At Murphy I held divine service frequently, for a time in houses of worship belonging to different denominations, but at length in a building fitted up as a Chapel for the use of Episcopalians. Throughout a wide extent of country this Chapel is the only place of worship where a Minister of the Episcopal Church can feel himself at home. With reference to the permanent extension of the Church in that remote corner of the State, and also to the accommodation of the few Church people now there, it is to be wished that some interest may be felt and some effort made toward securing the Chapel for our use.

Cherokee County, as well as Macon, Jackson and Haywood, is at present unoccupied ground so far as concerns our Church, and it is a broad field upon which the good seed should be sown. Generally the Missionary finds a ready attention, a desire to read, and a willingness to examine our claims. If duly and judiciously followed up, this would in many cases ripen into a direct approval of our doctrine, and a consistent Christian practice. This distant portion of the Diocese may therefore be said to have at least *some* claim on the active sympathy of Churchmen in other parts of it. Though four hundred miles from the Capital of the State, it is yet our own territory, highly beautiful and possessing abundant resources. Socially and politically united to those on the remote sea-board, why should there not be realised a religious bond of union and attachment? They need, and to an encouraging extent will receive, the ministrations of our Missionaries. There is at present a demand, and still more a prospective need, of what only the Church can give, arising out of the increasing feebleness of the hold of other systems on the regards of the people. The itinerant plan of preaching from house to house, and from one neighborhood to another, would perhaps be most advantageously adopted. The present is a good time to do something; to take such steps at least as will enable us hereafter to do more, and be ready as occasion offers to enter fully into the harvest, and reap and receive wages.

In the County of Cherokee, I administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper once.

At Lenoir, I have baptized three Infants, one white and two colored.

H. H. PROUT.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH, N. C.

Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, D. D., Rector.

This School was never in a more satisfactory state, than it is now, in the 15th year of its existence. If it has hitherto deserved in any degree the favor it has enjoyed, its friends may be assured that the future shall see no diminution, but rather a constant increase of its advantages. To meet its growing demands for room, immediate arrangements will be made; the principal feature of which is the erection of a Chapel of such expressive, tho' simple architecture, that it will be a constant witness to the religious character and object of the school, and add much to the interest and efficiency of its services.

During the year the school has contributed its quota, \$150, to Missions in the Diocese; and \$12 00 to the Relief Fund.

It has also contributed to Foreign and Domestic Missions, to the Poor, and to other good works.

Baptised 1 infant, and 1 Adult,	2
Confirmed, on two occasions,	13
Communicants, (10 permanent,)	29

ALDERT SMEDES.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROCKFISH.

Rev. GEORGE BENTON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 3, adult 2,	5
Catechumens—White,	37
Confirmations—White,	6
Communicants—White, added by first Communion 6, lost by removal 3; present number	35
Marriage—White,	1
Funerals—White,	3

GEORGE BENTON.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Rev. J. BECKWITH, Jr., late Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white (3 by the Bishop) 7, colored 13; Adult, white 1, colored 8,	29
Confirmations—White 4, colored 7,	11
Communicants—(Added by removal 2, by Communion 6,)	28
Marriage—White,	1
Burials,	7

J. BECKWITH, Jr.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 3, Adult 1,	4
Catechumens—White,	4
Communicants—Added by removal 1, lost by removal 2; total now, white 23, colored 2,	25
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$7 00
Bishop's Salary,	7 50
Relief Fund,	2 40
Domestic Missions,	1 00
Foreign Missions,	1 00
Parochial objects,	20 54

\$39 44

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 5, colored 6; Adult, white 4, col'd 1,	16
Catechumens—White 24, colored 4,	28
Confirmations—White 1, colored 1,	2
Communicants—Added by first Communion, white 2, colored 2; lost by removal, colored 1; total now, white 44, colored 3,	47
Marriages—Colored,	4
Funerals—White,	6
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$29 05
Bishop's Salary,	18 00
Relief Fund,	3 60
Diocesan Education Fund,	2 15
Domestic Missions,	5 76
Foreign Missions,	8 05
Parochial objects,	10 34
Other objects,	19 61
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	\$96 56

ALFRED A. WATSON.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, RUTHERFORDTON.

Rev. C. T. BLAND, Rector.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Catechumens—White,	16
Communicants—White,	16
Funeral—White Adult,	1
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$7 40
Missionary Fund,	10 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
Communion Alms,	4 60

Since my taking the charge of this Parish, Divine Services have been held on seventeen Sundays thirty-four times; on forty-nine other days, 59 services. One service has been given at Shelby.

The remaining Sundays, my services have been given to the Church in Charleston and Yorkville, South Carolina.

C. T. BLAND.

REPORT of Rev. J. Thomas Pickett, Rector of Grace Church, Morganton, and John's River Chapel.

Baptism—White, Infant 5, Adult 1,	6
Catechumens—White 20, colored 15,	35
Confirmations—White 5, colored 2,	7
Communicants—Number last year, white 25, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 6; lost by death, colored 1; ditto by removal, white 1; total now, white 30, colored 1,	31

Marriage—White,	1
Funeral—Colored,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$25 05
Bishop's Salary,	15 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Domestic Missions,	5 00
Foreign Missions,	5 00
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Visited, baptized and administered the Communion to a condemned criminal.

J. THOS. PICKETT.

REPORT of Rev. R. W. Barber, Missionary in Wilkes, Yadkin and Iredell Counties.

ST. PAUL'S, WILKES.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 1; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	6
Confirmations—White,	5
Funerals—White 1, colored 1,	2
Communicants—Removed 1, added by first Communion 6; present	
number, white 16, colored 4,	20
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$11 00
Missionary Fund,	3 00

RICHMOND HILL, YADKIN COUNTY.

Confirmation—White,	1
Communicants—Added by first Communion 1; present number,	
white 8, colored 1,	9
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$6 50
Missionary Fund,	2 50

At Buck Shoals, in Yadkin County, I officiate once a month (at night) when the weather permits.

This place has lost one Communicant by removal,—the present number being only 2.

At a Station in Iredell County, I preach on the fifth Sundays when they occur. The number of Communicants is 2.

R. W. BARBER.

REPORT of Rev. William Murphy, Deacon, Missionary, officiating in Wilson and the adjacent Counties.

Since his entrance upon this Mission in October 1855, the services of your Missionary have been as follows:

To Rocky Mount, and Cool Spring in Edgecombe County, (the residence of T. W. Battle, Esq.,) two Sundays have been devoted in each month, one service being held at each station on those days. The other Sundays in the month had been devoted for some time to Wilson, in Wilson County, but it has been thought advisable to give up one of them to Marlborough, Pitt County,

and regular services have been commenced in that place. The 5th Sunday has been appropriated to Nash County.

In the several stations under his charge, he has the following report to submit:

ROCKY MOUNT.

Communicants—White,	5
Marriages—White 1, (by Rev. Mr. Cheshire,) colored 1,	2

WILSON.

Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	2

MARLBOROUGH.

Baptism—White, infant	1
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The Communicants in Marlborough, are reported to this Convention as connected with St. Paul's Parish, Greenville.

Brief as his report is, your Missionary feels much encouraged in his work. Previous to last October, the services of the Church had been almost entirely unknown in this portion of the Missionary field. The congregations have been gradually increasing, and the responses constantly improving. The hope is entertained that some may be led to inquire after the "good old paths," to unite with the "household of faith," and be made "an holy temple acceptable unto God."

Beyond his Mission and previous to his entrance upon it, the following official acts were performed by him: In Washington County, he has baptized three colored infants, and one colored Adult, married one colored couple, and officiated at two funerals. Beyond the limits of this Diocese, he has baptized two white infants. All of which acts are reported by the Rectors of the several Parishes.

WILLIAM MURPHY.

REPORT of Rev. Geo. B. Wetmore, Missionary, officiating in Davie, Rowan and Iredell Counties.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, MOCKSVILLE.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Catechumens, (about)	25
Communicants—Number last year, white 11, colored 2; lost by death, white 1; present number, white 10, colored 2,	12
Funerals,	3
Contributions—Collected at Bishop's visitation,	\$7 00

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 7, Adult 1,	8
Confirmations—White (4 belonging to other Parishes) 12, col'd 5,	13
Communicants—Number last year, (list corrected,) white 57, co-	

colored 8; added by first Communion, white 10, colored 5; lost by death, white 2, colored 1; transferred, white 2; present number, white 63, colored 12,	75
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	3
Contributions—Diocesan Missions \$4—and \$9 20 collected at Bishop's visitation,	\$13 20
Bishop's Salary,	9 50
Relief Fund,	2 75
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	13 00
Other purposes,	23 38
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	\$61 83

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Baptism—White Infant,	1
Confirmations—White 1, (and 1 at Christ Church,)	2
Communicants—Number last year, (list corrected,) white 27, colored 2; added by first Communion, white 2; lost by death, colored 1; present number, white 29, colored 1,	30
Funerals,	2
Contributions—Diocesan Missions \$2 13,—and \$2 87 at Bishop's visitation,	\$5 00
Bishop's Salary,	3 00
Relief Fund,	1 00
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	2 50
Other purposes,	2 25
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	\$13 75

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, (MILLS' SETTLEMENT,) IREDELL.

Baptisms—White Infant 3, colored Adult 1,	4
Confirmations—White 15, (and 2 at Christ Church,)	17
Communicants—Number last year, white 15, colored 5; added by first Communion, white 14; by transfer, white 2; lost by death, white 1; present number, white 28, colored 5,	33
Funerals,	2

This Congregation has been liberally assisted by others in raising funds to build a Church, which will probably be finished early in the Fall. The following contributions are acknowledged:—St. James's, Wilmington, \$181 75; St. John's, Fayetteville, \$126; Christ Church, Raleigh, \$99; St. Luke's, Salisbury, \$76; Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, \$37; Calvary Church, Wadesborough, \$21 50. Also the Parishes under Mr. Cheshire, \$10; Mr. Barber, \$5; Mr. Sutton, \$5; my other Parishes, \$32 78. And from two friends in New York, \$10 00; two other friends, \$10 50 and \$3 respectively;—total \$627 53. In addition, \$39 have been subscribed in different Congregations, but not forwarded yet.

GEO. B. WETMORE.

REPORT of the Rev. C. M. Parkman, Presbyter.

The undersigned reports the following acts. He has celebrated the Holy Eucharist 14 times; assisted at other celebrations 19 times; Baptized 6; Buried 3; and preached 79 times. During the months of September and October 1855, the undersigned officiated at All Saints Chapel, Nags Head, the congregation being composed of persons from Chowan, Perquimons, and Pasquotank Counties. This congregation gave \$75 toward the relief of the sufferers in Norfolk and Portsmouth. They also contributed \$12 50 toward the support of their Clergyman. This Report extends to the 18th day of May, 1856.

C. M. PARKMAN, Presbyter.

THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Rev. FREDERICK FITZGERALD, late Rector.

Communicants—(Same as last year,) white 15, colored 17,	32
Marriage—White,	1
Funeral—Colored,	1
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$35 32

Having been called to a larger sphere of labor, and forced to seek an adequate support, I resigned this Parish on the 17th of last June, deeply sorrowing that circumstances called for a separation from it, which, from four years of peaceful and prosperous labor, together with constant tokens of strong affection, had become very dear to me.

To my great regret the Parish is still without a Pastor. By a recent resolution of the Vestry, I learn that a Rectory will be erected during the ensuing year,—without which no Parish can reasonably expect permanent Pastoral ministrations.

I have performed several services in this Parish since my resignation.

ST. BARNABAS' PARISH, MURFREESBOROUGH.

Rev. FREDERICK FITZGERALD, late Rector.

Communicants—White, number last year 11; added by first Communion 1; lost by death 1; total now,	11
Contributions—Parochial objects,	\$559 00

I resigned the regular charge of this Parish on the first of last July, but have still retained such a *caré* over it, as to visit it as often as my many duties will permit, and superintend the building of a neat Gothic Church which is now in the process of erection, and which will be Consecrated before another year.

I cannot but think that the prospects of this Parish are very good.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.

Rev. FREDERICK FITZGERALD, late Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 1, Adult 2,	3
Confirmations—White,	2

Communicants—White, number last year 9, added by first Communion 2; total now, 17

Contributions—Parochial objects, \$1905 02

I resigned the entire charge of this Parish on the 28th of October last, on which day my labors for the last three years were crowned by the Consecration of the present Parish Church,—a neat Tudor Gothic building, which, considering its cost, unites no small degree of appropriateness and comfort.

I know of no Parish in our Diocese where the prospects of the Church seem to be brighter than they now are in this; and it was with no ordinary regret that I resigned its cure, having been endeared to me by many labors and struggles, as well as by the manifestation of much affection from a kind and warm-hearted people.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH, GOLDSBOROUGH.

REV. FREDERICK FITZGERALD, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 8, colored 2; Adult, white 4, colored 1,	15
Confirmations—White,	5
Communicants—White, number last year 14; added by first Communion 3, ditto by removal 6; lost by removal 1; total now,	22
Funeral—White,	1
Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$23 88
Bishop's Salary,	15 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
Orphans in Norfolk,	12 00
Parochial objects,	1608 20
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I entered upon the ministration of my duties as Rector of the Parish in this active and thriving town the 12th of last July. From circumstances unnecessary here to mention, I found the Parish completely disorganized, disunited, and burdened with debt, so that my position here has been one of no ordinary difficulty and trial. By patience and labor, by the aid of God, I believe that things are now greatly changed for the better. A kindly feeling seems now to exist in the Parish, and much has been done towards the erection of a brick Church, which, when finished, will be one of our most beautiful and appropriate houses of God. I have officiated upon three Sundays in each month, and as circumstances and my health would allow have preached in the afternoon to the negroes in the town.

Have also attended to the last moment a condemned criminal.

ST. MARY'S PARISH, KINSTON, LENOIR COUNTY.

REV. FREDERICK FITZGERALD, Rector.

Communicants—White, number last year 8; lost by death 1; total now,	7
Marriage—White,	1
Funeral—White,	1

Contributions—Diocesan Missions,	\$2 50
Bishop's Salary,	10 00
Relief Fund,	2 50
Parochial objects,	150 00
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	\$165 00

During last July I was appointed to the care of this Parish by the Bishop, and upon entering into the discharge of its ministrations, I found that the prospects of the Church in this Parish are, according to the Bishop's last Report, anything but particularly cheering. This is owing to the long want of Church services, losses by death, and the removal of many Church families, together with the active and energetic manner in which dissent is here manifest in its many forms.

Still the prospect is not without hope, for we trust that it will not be long before the Church edifice will be relieved from its present position, as "free to all;"—that it will be repaired, and consecrated exclusively for Church services. Already an excellent vestry-room has been added to the Church building, and the vestry has been renewed and enlarged.

The services are well attended.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, CLINTON, SAMPSON COUNTY.

Baptism—White, infant,	1
Communicants, last year,	11

By recent direction of the Bishop I am to make every effort possible, to supply this place with services. Sufficient money is now subscribed to erect a Church edifice, and active measures are now in progress towards its erection. From what little I have seen of this place, I feel sure that the future success of the Church here is very certain.

FREDERICK FITZGERALD.

The Standing Committee made their Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of North Carolina respectfully report: That during the last Conventional year they have held ten sessions, and performed the following acts:

At their first session, held in Warrenton, May 19, 1855, testimonials for Priest's orders were granted to Rev. John Beckwith, Jr., Deacon.

On the 20th June 1855, the Rev. Messrs. F. M. Hubbard and Richard H. Mason were appointed Agents for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions for the Episcopal residence, pursuant to the resolutions of the Convention.

On the 17th July 1855, Rev. F. M. Hubbard, one of the Agents appointed to solicit subscriptions for the Episcopal residence, reported that in pursuance of his instructions he visited the City of Wilmington, and applied to several of the leading members of the Church there, from whom he received no encouragement to prosecute his Agency in that place; that he then visited the Town of Fayetteville, where he succeeded in procuring subscriptions to the

amount of \$305, and that there was a prospect of procuring some one or two hundred dollars in addition.

At the same meeting, the Committee directed the Treasurer to pay the sum of thirty-five Dollars to Rev. F. M. Hubbard for his services.

Rev. Richard H. Mason being about to leave the Diocese, declined acting as Agent.

At a meeting held on 8th August 1855, testimonials were signed on behalf of Rev. J. T. Pickett, Deacon, desirous of being admitted to Priest's orders.

On Sept. 15, 1855, testimonials as a candidate for orders were granted to Reginald Heber Murphy. At this meeting, Rev. A. A. Watson was requested to act as Agent for procuring subscriptions for Episcopal residence.

On Oct. 2d, 1855, testimonials were granted to Henry Augustus Skinner, desirous of becoming candidate for orders.

On Nov. 28, 1855, testimonials were granted to Francis W. Hilliard, desirous of receiving Deacon's orders.

On 17th April 1856, testimonials were granted to Rev. George Patterson, Deacon, desirous of being admitted to Priest's orders.

On 23d April 1856, testimonials were granted to Daniel Morrelle, desirous of being admitted to Deacon's orders.

On 15th May 1856, Thomas G. Haughton applied for testimonials for Deacon's orders, but the Committee declined signing them, on account of informality in his testimonials.

It will be seen on reference to the report of the Treasurer of that fund, that there is now in his hands in cash, to be applied to the purchase and building of Episcopal residence in Raleigh, the sum of \$1440 75, besides the sum of \$1975 subscribed in the City of Raleigh, and \$305 subscribed in the Town of Fayetteville, which have not yet been collected, making in all the sum of \$3,720 75, applicable to that purpose. The Committee submit the consideration of the subject to the Convention.

R. S. MASON, Pres't Standing Com.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.—[*See Appendix.*]

The Executive Missionary Committee made their Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

REPORT of the Executive Missionary Committee.

The following statement, furnished by the Treasurer, will show the condition of the Fund for Missionary purposes:

Balance as reported May 10, 1855,	\$2095 85
Amount received on Assessments,	2239 63
Collection at Warrenton,	129 68
“ by Bishop Atkinson,	516 45
Sale Bishop Ravenscroft's Works,	57 00
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	\$5038 61

To cash paid Missionary services,	2456 50
“ “ Prayer Books,	50 00
“ “ Printing Ravenscroft's Works,	631 78
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Balance now on hand,	\$1900 33

This is a very favorable result, especially if we consider that out of this Fund was paid the above item of \$631 78 for Bishop Ravenscroft's Works.

It is hoped that this amount will be refunded by the sales of the Work during the coming year.

The payments on the assessments, according to the above statement, fall short more than \$800.

The following changes have taken place within the year: Rev. Mr. Donnelly of Hillsborough, has departed this life, and we trust has entered into rest. Rev. Mr. Beckwith of Wadesborough, has left the Diocese; Rev. Mr. Van Antwerp, has taken charge of Beaufort; Rev. Mr. Lee, of Chapel Hill; Rev. Mr. Thomas, of Louisburg; Rev. Mr. Bland, of Rutherfordton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HUSKE, Chairman.

The Treasurer of the Fund for an Episcopal Residence made a Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance.

REPORT of George W. Mordecai, Treas'r of Fund for Episcopal Residence.

DR.

1855,		
May 13.	To am't of account rendered to Convention,	\$1350 25
	To cash rec'd from Mrs. E. Page, Edenton,	100 00
	Premium on ditto,	50
June 23.	To cash rec'd from Rev. F. Fitzgerald, for contribution from St. Mark's, Halifax,	25 00
		<hr/> \$1475 75

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1855,		
Aug. 18.	By cash paid Rev. Mr. Hubbard, by order of Standing Committee, being for his expenses to Fayetteville and Wilmington, for the purpose of procuring subscriptions,	\$35 00
1856,		
May 15.	By balance to credit of Treas'r in Bank of the State of N. Carolina, Raleigh,	1440 75
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1856,		
May 15.	To balance brought down,	\$1440 75
	In addition to the above sums in Cash, there has been subscribed	
	In Raleigh, the sum of	1975 00
	And in Fayetteville,	305 00
		<hr/> \$3720 75

Which being added to the above, makes the whole amount subscribed for the purpose.

GEO. W. MORDECAI, Treas.

The Education Committee made their Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Finance:

REPORT of Geo. W. Mordecai, Treas'r of Education Committee.

DR.

1855,		
May 16.	To balance as per account rendered to Convention,	\$330 87
22.	To cash received from Rt. Rev. Thos. Atkinson, for collections at Warrenton,	75 00
	To cash rec'd for contribution from Sunday School of St. James's Church, Wilmington,	38 00
	To cash rec'd from Rev. Mr. Forbes, contribution from Elizabeth City,	17 00
	To cash rec'd from Rev. Mr. Patterson, contribution from Trinity Church, Beaufort,	13 80
	To cash rec'd for collections at Grace Church, Plymouth,	1 80
Aug. 30.	To cash rec'd from Rev. Dr. Mason, for contributions at Christ Church, Raleigh,	35 00
1856,		
May 14.	To cash rec'd from Rev. Dr. Mason, for contribution from Christ Church, Raleigh,	20 00
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1855,		
June 1.	By cash remitted Sam'l S. Barber, for 6 months, by order of Committee,	\$50 00
	By cash remitted Israel Harding, for 6 months, by order of Committee,	37 50
1856,		
Jan. 28.	By cash remitted Sam'l S. Barber, by order of Committee,	50 00
	By cash remitted Samuel W. Murphy, by order of Committee,	100 00
May 15.	By balance to credit of Treasurer in the Bank of the State of N. Carolina at Raleigh,	293 97
		<hr/> \$531 47
1856,		
May 15.	To balance brought down,	\$293 97
17.	To cash rec'd, 2 per ct. div. on 5 shares F. & W. P. R. Stock,	10 00
		<hr/> \$303 97
(E. E.)	GEO. W. MORDECAI, Treas'r	
	Education Committee.	

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations made the following Report:

The Committee on the Admission of new Congregations, having examined the Certificates of St. James's Church, Mills's Settlement, Iredell County, and of St. Paul's Church, Beaufort, and finding them in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canon, recommend that the said congregations be admitted into union with the Church in this Diocese.

Therefore, Resolved, That St. James's Church, Iredell County, be received into union with this Convention.

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Beaufort, be received into union with the Church in this Diocese. A. F. OLMSTED, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. James's Church, Iredell county, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That St. Paul's Church, Beaufort, be admitted into union with this Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Standing Resolution directing the Treasurer to report the list of the Congregations that fail to pay their Assessments, and the matter of the deficiency in meeting the Assessments, be referred to the Committee of Finance, to consider and report thereon.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint some one to preach before each Annual Convention of the Church, a Sermon on the subject of Christian Education.

The Committee on the publication of the Works of Bishop Ravenscroft made the following Report:

REPORT of Committee on Bishop Ravenscroft's Works.

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention to contract for and superintend the printing of a 2d Edition of the works of Bishop Ravenscroft, report,

That they have performed that duty, and have now at the disposal of the Convention, 250 bound copies, and 250 copies folded and collated. The work has been done by Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son of Fayetteville, at a price somewhat below that offered by either of the Northern Printing houses whose proposals were stated to the last Convention; and about \$170 below the maximum sum authorised to be appropriated by the Convention. The work has been paid for as follows:

Rec'd from C. B. Mallett, Ex'r of J. W. Wright, dec'd,	\$500 00
Rec'd from C. T. Haigh, Treas'r of Convention,	631 58
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The copies on hand have been insured against fire to the amount of \$800, at an annual cost of \$6.

The Committee regret that so few of the Clergy or others have responded to the application to procure subscribers to the work. Out of 100 Circulars and Subscription papers distributed in this and other States, only 8 have been returned; and the Committee are obliged to suppose that 92 of those who it was supposed would feel an interest in the matter, have failed to give it attention. Thus only 53 copies are known to be subscribed for, (a third of the number in one Parish, whose Minister found no difficulty in obtaining them,) whereas it was confidently expected, and reasonably expected, as the Committee still

think, that if only moderate efforts were made a sufficient number would have been subscribed for, at once to repay to the Missionary Cause all which has been appropriated from its fund for this object, and leave future sales to contribute a clear gain to that fund. Both the character of the work and the appropriation of the proceeds to the spread of religion, led us to hope for such a favorable result from the solicited efforts of the friends of the Church, especially of those within the Diocese.

The Committee would suggest, that in consequence of this failure to obtain subscribers, some person or persons be authorised to offer the work to Booksellers or others at such a rate of discount, say 25 per cent. from the retail price, as is usual. By this means perhaps one-fifth as many may be disposed of as could readily have been sold by subscription.

Sales of the work to the amount of \$63 have been made by E. J. Hale & Son in Fayetteville, of which sum \$6 have been paid on insurance, and the remaining \$57 paid to C. T. Haigh, Treas. for the Missionary Fund.

J. C. HUSKE, Chairman.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Report be referred to a Committee of three persons, to report on the subject.

On motion,

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Church be held in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, on the 4th Wednesday in May, 1857.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Friday morning, 9 o'clock.

Evening Prayers were read by the Rev. F. Fitzgerald, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. A. A. Watson, on the importance of Church extension, and the formation of a Society to assist in the building and repair of Churches in the Diocese.

FRIDAY, May 23.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following Committee was appointed, to whom the Report of the Committee on the subject of the publication of the Works of Bishop Ravenscroft was referred, viz: Messrs. Snowden and Buxton, of the Clergy, E. L. Winslow, of the Laity.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay annually

to the several Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, any expenses necessarily incurred by them, in attending the meetings of that body.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Constitution and Canons be continued, and they report, if possible, at the next Convention, what alterations and additions shall be made in the Constitution, Canons, and Standing Resolutions, of this Church.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be requested to consult with the Trustees appointed to hold property in this Diocese, as to the mode of the investment of the funds of the Diocese, and adopt such measures, if any such be necessary, as they and he may deem proper for their security.

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency, and if expedient, to report some plan of providing for the payment of the expenses of the Clergy in attending the meetings of the Convention.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Richard Hines, assisted by the Rev. R. B. Sutton, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Smedes, from the 4th chapter of Acts, 27th verse.

On motion, adjourned to 5 o'clock P. M.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment; and, on motion, adjourned to Saturday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Evening Prayers were read by the Rev. J. B. Cheshire. Sermon preached by the Rev. J. Buxton, from 9th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 38th verse.

SATURDAY, May 24.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Mason.

The Minutes of Friday were read and approved.

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., appeared and took his seat.

Dr. Goelet, B. F. Halsey, John Lamb, and Caleb A. Cutlar, appeared and took their seats.

On motion,

Resolved, That the election of Committees and Officers of the Convention be now made.

And the following were elected:

Education Committee.—Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D.; Dr. Thos. H. Wright, P. K. Dickinson.

Executive Missionary Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Benton and Huske, of the Clergy; E. L. Winslow, C. T. Haigh, and E. J. Hale, of the Laity.

Charles T. Haigh was elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Standing Committee.—Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. F. M. Hubbard, Rev. Aldert Smedes, D. D.; John H. Bryan and Geo. W. Mordecai.

Delegates to the General Convention.—Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. A. A. Watson, and Rev. E. M. Forbes, of the Clergy; Thos. Ruffin, Josiah Collins, Edward Lee Winslow and Hon. W. H. Battle, of the Laity. Alternates: Rev. H. H. Prout, Rev. J. C. Huske, Rev. E. Geer and Rev. J. B. Cheshire, of the Clergy; Dr. Thos. H. Wright, S. F. Patterson, G. W. Mordecai and M. W. Jarvis, of the Laity.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.—Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. Aldert Smedes, D. D.; Rev. E. M. Forbes; Thomas Ruffin, G. W. Mordecai, Josiah Collins, A. J. DeRosset, Jr.

The Committee on the Unfinished Business of the last Convention made the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

The Committee on unfinished business would Report, that it finds on the 4th and 5th pages of the Journal of the General Convention of 1853, "Proposed Articles" Nos. II, V and VI, containing amendments of the Constitution for the government of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, which Articles require the consideration of the present Diocesan Convention, according to Article IX, of said Constitution.

The Committee also finds that, according to Canon I of 1847, of the General Convention, it is the business of the present Convention to nominate Trustees for the General Theological Seminary, and that this Diocese is entitled to eight Trustees, viz:

One for the Diocese at large,	1
One for every eight Clergymen in the Diocese, there being at present 40,	5
One for every \$2000 contributed to the Seminary, there being at present over \$4000 contributed by this Diocese,	2
Number of Trustees,	8
In behalf of the Committee,	

FREDERICK FITZGERALD, Chairman.

The Committee on the Relief Fund made the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee on the Relief Fund.

The Committee on the Relief Fund respectfully report: That there has been paid into the Treasury during the past year, the sum of \$482 15; which added to a balance on hand of \$94 15, amounts to \$576 30. Of this sum, Mrs. Wiley has received \$337 14, and Mrs. Thurston \$181 50, making a total paid out of the Treasury of \$518 64. There is a balance on hand of \$55 60. The entire amount assessed is \$601 80. The deficit in the receipts is therefore \$119 65. Of the fifty-five Parishes in the Diocese, twenty-one have paid their assessments; ten have exceeded them; nine have paid less than the amount assessed; from fifteen nothing has been received in aid of this fund. As compared with the Report of last year, there appears a decided flagging in the interest manifested in regard to this charity.

From a comparison of the Treasurer's Report with the scale of assessments, the names of the delinquent Parishes will appear. Your Committee earnestly urge attention to this subject, upon the part of the Clergy and Vestry of such Parishes as are in arrears.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

On motion,

Resolved, That the contributions to the Relief Fund be hereafter distributed under the direction of the Bishop.

On motion, adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee of Finance made the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Committee of Finance respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the several accounts of the Treasurer, submitted to them, and have found them correctly stated, and the various items of disbursements sustained by the requisite vouchers. They regret to learn that a number of Parishes have failed, during the past year, to make their remittances to the Treasurer, which failure is understood to amount in the aggregate to upwards of eight hundred dollars. This deficiency of income is the more to be regretted as the demand for Missionary services in the Diocese is understood to be greatly on the increase. As the scale of assessments has been regulated by a regard to the lowest scale of the Church's expenditures, as well as by a regard to the ability of Parishes, the Committee cannot but view this delinquency as a violation of implied obligation of a very sacred character, and, if persisted in, as likely to lead to results which every friend of the Church must deprecate. In this connection the Committee beg leave again to call the attention of the Treasurer to a Resc-

lution of May 1836, requiring him to annex to his Reports, a list of those congregations who fail to pay the amounts assessed on them, in order that if the assessments should be found too high, such changes may be made as shall secure greater punctuality in future.

The Committee beg leave further to report: That they have examined the accounts of G. W. Mordecai, Esq., Treasurer of the Education Committee, and also of the Fund for procuring an Episcopal residence, and have found them correct.

With regard to the propriety of paying the expenses of the Clergy in attending the Conventions of the Diocese—one of the matters submitted for their consideration—the Committee report, that they regard the measure as both reasonable and proper, and accordingly recommend that the Treasurer be authorized and directed, from and after the next Convention, to pay such expenses.

The Committee have arranged the annexed scale of assessments for the ensuing year, and recommend its adoption.

In behalf of the Committee,

R. B. DRANE.

Resolved, That the scale of assessments recommended by the Committee of Finance for the ensuing year be adopted.—[*For Scale of Assessments see Appendix.*]

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee of Finance, in regard to Clergymen attending the Convention, be adopted, and that from and after the next Convention, the Treasurer be directed to pay such expenses out of the fund for the contingent expenses of the Convention.

The Committee on the Report of the publication of the Works of Bishop Ravenscroft made the following Report:

The Committee appointed at this Convention on Bishop Ravenscroft's Works beg leave to report: That they find that the Committee appointed at the last Convention have accomplished their work, and have now 500 copies of the Book at the disposal of the Convention. That Committee in their report, state that they distributed 100 Circulars and Subscription papers to procure subscribers to the Work, only 8 of which have been returned. The impression of your present Committee, derived from inquiries made, is that from some cause there was a general failure of said papers to reach the parties to whom they were sent or intended to be sent; and they recommend that the like effort be made again by the same Committee of last year. They likewise recommend that the same Committee of last year be authorized to offer the Work to Booksellers and others at such a rate of discount, (say 25 per cent.) as is usual; and to take such steps in relation to the sale of the Books as shall seem to them expedient, and report to the next Convention.

W. E. SNOWDEN, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was adopted, and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the Rev. J. C. Huske, E. J. Hale and E. L. Winslow, the Committee heretofore appointed, be continued, and they be instructed to take such steps in relation to the sales of the Work as they may deem expedient, and make report to the next Convention.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the state of the Church respectfully report: That upon examination of the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports, referred to them by this Convention, they find that during the past year, there have been white infant baptisms 374; white adults 74; colored infants 327; colored adults 62; whole number of baptisms 837; Catechumens 1344; Confirmations 272; Communicants 2375; marriages 80; funerals 205.

The increase of Communicants above the number of last year is 251.

There have been 4 Priests ordained, and 1 Deacon, making 5 ordinations.

There has been 1 Clergyman transferred, and 4 received into this Diocese.

One Clergyman has died. There are now 9 candidates for orders in this Diocese.

There have been 4 Churches consecrated since last Convention.

In regard to the subscriptions to the Episcopal residence, the Committee beg leave to report: That as it appears from the Journal of the last Convention, that the Convention refused to rescind the Resolution in favor of erecting an Episcopal residence in Raleigh, it is therefore the opinion of the Committee, that the gentlemen appointed to collect subscriptions for this purpose, be requested to continue their efforts, and that the standing Committee be authorized to appoint a person to collect the money already subscribed, and to fund it for the purpose for which it was offered.

The pressing need for a supply of Clergy, especially native, for the wants of the Diocese, has been forcibly presented to the consideration of the Committee by the address of the Bishop, and from other sources. The most feasible plan for accomplishing this object, seems, in the opinion of the Committee, to be the training of Clergy in a Diocesan School, in which facilities for theological studies chiefly, shall be afforded. The Committee would respectfully recommend this subject, together with the cause of christian education generally, to the earnest attention of this Convention.

The Committee are pleased to perceive, that the Reports show an increased attention to the religious instruction of the colored population within the influence of the Church, and they cannot but believe that God's blessing will be in an especial manner vouchsafed to these efforts to preach the Gospel to the poor, which it seems at this time manifestly incumbent upon the Church to urge forward.

In conclusion, the Committee acknowledge with gratitude to God, the prospect which is before us of increased usefulness and diffusion for the Church. On every side they see indications that prejudice is giving way, and Zion rising from the dust and putting on her beautiful garments of salvation. In view of these things, we may well "thank God and take courage" for the future progress of Christ's Church and Gospel. We have but to be faithful to our duties and opportunities, and we doubt not but that "the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into his harvest," and the Church will enter in and take possession of the waste places of the land, and the inheritance which the Lord hath given her.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention will prosecute the design of erecting an Episcopal residence in Raleigh. That for this purpose, the gentlemen appointed to collect subscriptions be requested to continue their efforts, and that the Standing Committee are authorized to appoint a person to collect the money already subscribed, and to fund it for the purpose for which it was offered.

On motion,

Resolved, That all the above Resolution after the word "Resolved," be stricken out, and the following inserted:

That the offer of a residence for the Bishop, made to the Convention by the Churchmen of Wilmington, and renewed by them to this Convention, is accepted by this Convention.

Which, after various propositions and some discussion, was finally adopted by the Convention.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee heretofore appointed by the Convention to raise funds for the residence for the Bishop, be discharged, and that any money heretofore collected for that purpose be refunded to the donors, by the Treasurer of that Fund, and that the subscribers be and are hereby discharged.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock.

8 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary cause 1500 copies of the Journals of this Convention to be published and circulated.

On motion, adjourned to 5 o'clock A. M. on Monday.

Saturday Evening, Prayers were read by Rev. H. T. Lee, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Van Antwerp; Sermon by the Bishop, from the 7th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 16th verse.

The Holy Rite of Confirmation was administered to 20 persons.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Prayers were said by the Rev. Dr. Drane, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Mason.

An Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. A. Watson, from the 20th chapter of St. John's Gospel, 21st, 22d and 23d verses.

The Bishop admitted to the Order of Deacons, Thomas G. Haughton and Daniel Morrelle. The Rev. E. M. Forbes presented Mr. Haughton, and the Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Morrelle.

After which, the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy, and by the Rev. Dr. Mason and Rev. Dr. Drane to a large number of the Laity.

Sunday Afternoon, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. Gallagher, assisted by the Rev. John R. Lee; Sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Mason, from the 13th chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, 31st and 32d verses.

Sunday Evening, Prayers were said by the Rev. Joseph W. Murphy, assisted by the Rev. W. Murphy; a Missionary Sermon preached by the Rev. N. Collin Hughes; and a collection made on behalf of the Missionary Fund of the Diocese of \$160.

The members of the Convention were requested to remain after Service, and after Prayers by the Bishop, were dismissed with the Apostolic blessing, and the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

EDW'D LEE WINSLOW, Sec'y.



APPENDIX.

REPORT of the Treasurer.

The several Accounts herewith submitted to the Convention show balances in the Treasurer's hands, viz: At credit of

Permanent Fund for support of the Episcopate, cash balance,	\$395 88
Permanent Missionary Fund, " "	334 50
Fund for Bishop's Salary and Contingencies,	1315 47
Missionary Fund for current purposes,	1900 32
Relief of disabled Clergymen, Widows, &c.,	58 00
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	\$4004 18
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Of this amount he holds Note of the Rockfish Company, payable on demand, with interest from 1st May,	\$3000 00
Deposited in Branch Bank of Cape Fear, at credit of Treas- urer of Convention,	1004 18
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	\$4004 18

During the past year he has purchased, on account of the "Permanent Fund for the support of the Episcopate," 4 shares Cape Fear Bank Stock; and has carried to the credit of this Fund \$233 88, interest received on loans of funds in his hands.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES T. HAIGH,
Treas'r of Convention.

Fayetteville, May 17, 1856.

DR. Diocese of North Carolina, (for Bishop's salary and contingent

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expenses of Convention,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. Cr.

1855,		
May 10.	By balance cash on hand as reported,	\$1281 96
19.	By cash from Church at Louisburg,	20 00
	From St. Peter's, Washington,	135 00
	From Christ church, Raleigh,	280 00
	From St. Paul's, Clinton,	20 00
	From Christ church, Elizabeth City,	40 00
	From Calvary, Tarborough,	34 00
	From Trinity, Scotland Neck,	48 00
	From Enimmanuel, Warrenton,	67 00
	From Calvary, Wadesborough,	27 00
	From St. Stephen's Oxford,	35 00
	From St. James's, Granville,	5 00
	From Christ church, Newbern,	225 00
	From Holy Innocents, Henderson,	24 00
	From St. John's, Williamsborough,	20 00
	From Holy Trinity, Hertford,	27 00
	From Trinity, Beaufort,	24 00
	From St. John's, Pitt county,	10 00
	From St. Paul's, Greenville,	5 00
	From St. Thomas's, Bath,	3 00
	From St. Paul's, Wilkesborough,	9 00
	From Richmond Hill,	10 12
	From St. Luke's, Salisbury,	35 00
	From St. Philip's, Mocksville,	7 50
	From Christ church, Rowan county,	9 50
	From St. Andrew's, ditto,	4 00
	From Epiphany, Leaksville,	10 00
	From Grace church, Plymouth,	18 00
	From St. Luke's, Washington county,	7 50
	From St. Peter's, Charlotte,	7 50
	From Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	15 00
	From St. Mary's, Kinston,	15 00
	From Lake Chapel, Lake Scuppernong,	34 00
	From St. Thomas's, Windsor,	27 00
	From St. Paul's, Edenton,	266 00
	From St. John's, Rutherfordton,	15 00
	From St. Matthew's, Hillsborough,	47 00
	From St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough,	40 00
	From St. Stephen's, Goldsborough,	15 00
	From Church of the Saviour, Jackson,	8 00
	From St. Mark's, Halifax,	10 00
July 6.	From G. W. Mordecai, Esq., interest on State Bonds,	225 00
Oct. 22.	From St. John's in the Wilderness, draft \$48, exchange 48 cts.,	48 48
	From St. James's, Wilmington, Oct. 26, 150, Jan'y 1, 150,	300 00
31.	From St. Luke's, Lincolnton,	15 00
1856,		
Jan. 28.	From G. W. Mordecai, Esq., interest on State Bonds,	225 00
May 13.	From Christ Church, Rockfish,	15 00
	From St. John's, Fayetteville,	280 00
	From Trinity, Asheville,	8 00
		<hr/> \$4057 56
May 16.	By balance from old account,	\$1315 47

Dr. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Fund for relief of disabled
count with the Treasurer*

1855,			
May 26.	To Cash paid Mrs. Wiley, as by receipt,		\$250 04
	Ditto Mrs. Thurston,	"	134 62
1856,			
Jan. 15.	Ditto Mrs. Wiley,	"	87 10
May 13.	Ditto Mrs. Thurston,	"	46 90
	Balance to new account,		55 60

\$574 26

Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,) in ac-
of the Convention. CR.

1855,		
May.	By balance on hand as reported to Convention,	\$94 51
	By cash St. Peter's, Washington,	30 00
	Ditto Christ church, Elizabeth City,	13 00
	Ditto Scotland Neck,	12 00
	Ditto Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	18 00
	Ditto Calvary church, Wadesborough,	6 00
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Oxford,	10 00
	Ditto St. James's, Granville,	10 00
	Ditto Christ church, Newbern,	60 75
	Ditto Holy Innocents, Henderson,	5 00
	Ditto St. John's, Williamsborough,	5 00
	Ditto Holy Trinity, Hertford,	2 50
	Ditto Trinity, Beaufort,	4 05
	Ditto St. John's, Pitt county,	2 50
	Ditto St. Paul's, Greenville,	2 50
	Ditto St. Thomas's, Bath,	2 00
	Ditto St. Luke's, Salisbury,	10 00
	Ditto St. Philip's, Mocksville,	2 00
	Ditto Christ church, Rowan county,	2 65
	Ditto St. Andrew's, ditto,	1 00
	Ditto Epiphany, Leaksville,	5 00
	Ditto Grace church, Plymouth,	5 00
	Ditto St. Luke's, Washington county,	2 40
	Ditto St. Peter's, Charlotte,	2 40
	Ditto Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	3 60
	Ditto St. Mary's, Kinston,	3 00
	Ditto Lake Chapel, Scuppernong,	9 60
	Ditto Grace church, Morganton,	3 60
	Ditto St. Thomas's, Windsor,	7 00
	Ditto St. Paul's, Edenton,	26 00
	Ditto St. Bartholomew's, Pittsboro',	12 00
	Ditto St. Mark's, Gulf,	3 60
	Ditto St. Stephen's, Goldsborough,	5 00
	Ditto Church of the Saviour, Jackson,	3 00
Oct. 31.	Ditto St. Luke's, Lincolnton,	4 00
Dec. 19.	Ditto Calvary, Tarborough,	10 00
1856,		
Jan. 1.	Ditto St. James's, Wilmington,	60 00
	Ditto St. John's, Fayetteville,	60 00
May 10.	Ditto Christ church, Raleigh,	40 00
12.	Ditto St. Mary's School,	12 00
13.	Ditto Christ church, Rockfish,	3 60
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		\$574 26
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	By balance of cash on hand,	\$55 60
14.	By cash, Trinity, Asheville,	2 40

Dr. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Missionary Fund for current*

1855,

May 21.	To cash paid Rev. L. L. Smith, expenses visiting Frank-	
	linton,	\$4 50
	Ditto Rev. R. Hines, from Jan'y to July 1855,	50 00
Aug. 8.	Ditto Sec'y's draft, Rev. F. Fitzgerald, from May to Nov.	50 00
Oct. 31.	Ditto Rev. George B. Wetmore, ditto,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. A. A. Watson,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. B. Donnelly,	50 00
	Ditto Rev. A. F. Olmsted,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. W. W. Skiles,	50 00
	Ditto Rev. R. W. Barber,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. H. H. Prout,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. H. H. Hewitt,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. T. Pickett,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. Mr. Gallagher,	50 00
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. John Beckwith,	50 00
Dec. 1.	Ditto Rev. Mr. Bronson, from May 1855 to May 1856,	100 00
1856,	Ditto Rev. Mr. Van Antwerp,	100 00
Jan. 19.	Ditto Rev. Henry T. Lee, in advance,	100 00
	Ditto premium on check on Baltimore,	1 00
April 12.	Ditto Bishop Atkinson's order,	50 00
	Ditto Postage Stamps,	1 00
30.	Ditto Sec'y's order, Rev. G. Wetmore, fm Nov. to May 1856,	100 00
	Rev. F. Fitzgerald,	50 00
	Rev. W. E. Snowden,	100 00
	Rev. A. A. Watson,	100 00
	Rev. A. F. Olmsted,	100 00
	Rev. W. W. Skiles,	50 00
	Rev. R. W. Barber,	100 00
	Rev. H. H. Hewitt,	100 00
	Rev. J. T. Pickett,	100 00
	Rev. John Beckwith,	50 00
May 14.	Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	100 00
	Ditto E. J. Hale & Son, for printing Bp. Ravenscroft's	
	Works,	631 78

\$3188 28

Amount carried forward,

\$3188 28

purposes,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1855,

May 10.	By balance as per account rendered to Convention,	\$2095 85
21.	By cash from Bishop Atkinson,	207 22
	From St. Peter's, Washington,	25 23
	From St. Mary's, Clinton,	5 00
	From Christ church, Elizabeth City,	50 00
	From Calvary, Tarborough,	25 00
	From Trinity, Scotland Neck,	30 00
	From Calvary, Wadesborough,	3 00
	From St. Stephen's, Oxford,	24 00
	From St. James's, Granville,	5 00
	From Christ church, Newbern,	284 26
	From Holy Innocents, Henderson,	27 00
	From St. John's, Williamsborough,	20 00
	From Holy Trinity, Hertford,	30 00
	From Trinity, Beaufort,	29 50
	From St. John's, Pitt county,	15 00
	From St. Paul's, Greenville,	7 50
	From St. Thomas's, Bath,	5 00
	From St. Paul's, Wilkesborough,	3 00
	From Richmond Hill,	3 00
	From St. Luke's, Salisbury,	26 18
	From St. Philip's, Mocksville,	7 50
	From Christ church, Rowan,	9 50
	From St. Andrew's, ditto,	4 00
	From Church of Epiphany, Leaksville,	12 00
	From Grace church, Plymouth,	18 00
	From St. Luke's, Washington county,	7 00
	From St. Peter's, Charlotte,	15 10
	From Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill,	15 00
	From St. Mary's, Kinston,	5 00
	From Lake Chapel, Lake Scuppernong,	106 48
	From Grace church, Morganton,	15 00
	From St. Thomas's, Windsor,	45 00
	From St. Paul's, Edenton,	41 35
	From St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough,	45 00
	From St. Stephen's, Goldsborough,	5 00
	From Church of the Saviour, Jackson,	9 00
	From Collection, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	129 68
June 2.	From St. Paul's, Edenton,	21 00
July 31.	From St. John's, Rutherfordton,	5 00
Oct. 31.	From St. Luke's, Lincolnton,	11 00
Nov. 4.	From St. Stephen's, Oxford,	20 00
24.	From Bp. Atkinson, sundry collections at Communion, viz:	
	St. Mary's, Raleigh,	\$7 00
	Louisburg,	12 35
	Asheville,	15 25
	Rutherfordton,	12 00
	Morganton,	20 05
	Valle Crucis,	3 10
	Wilkesborough,	8 20
	Leaksville,	11 40
	Pittsborough,	18 00
	Woodville, Bertie county,	12 03
	Greenville,	33 62
	Trinity, Beaufort,	8 50
Amount carried forward,		\$3467 35

DR.

Diocese of North Carolina, (for Missionary purposes,)

1856,

May 14.

To amount brought forward,
Balance to new account,\$3138 28
1900 33

\$5038 61

in account with Treasurer of Convention—continued.

CR.

1855,	By amount brought forward,		\$3467 35
	Washington,	51 50	
	Beaufort, Zion,	6 50	
	Pugh's Chapel,	10 25	
	Hillsborough,	14 73	
	Cash,	12	
			244 60
Nov. 25.	From Collection, St. John's, Fayetteville,		64 63
Dec. 19.	From Calvary church, Tarborough,		25 00
	From Trinity, Scotland Neck,		35 00
	From a lady in Murphy, Cherokee county, by Rev. H. H. Prout,		3 00
1856,			
	From St. James's, Wilmington, in 3 remittances,		350 00
	From St. Stephen's, Oxford,		15 00
	From St. Paul's, Edenton,		88 03
	From Christ church, Raleigh,		210 00
	From St. Mary's, ditto,		150 00
May 14.	From Trinity, Asheville,		9 00
	From St. John's, Fayetteville,		320 00
	From E. J. Hale & Son, sales 14 copies of Bp. Ravenscroft,		57 00
			\$5038 61
16.	By balance brought forward in Treasurer's hands,		\$1900 33

DR. . *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Fund for the support of the*

DR. . *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Permanent Missionary Fund de-*

Episcopate,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention. CR.

1855,			
May.	By balance reported to Convention:		
	Securities,	\$11,944 50	
	Cash,	80 00	
			\$12,024 50
19.	By contribution from Lake chapel, Lake Scup- pernong, by Rev. W. Murphy,	\$100 00	
Nov. 1.	By dividend on 45 shares C. F. Bank stock,	225 00	
	By interest on \$2000 loaned fm May to Nov.,	60 00	
1856,			
May 1.	By dividend on 48 shares C. F. Bank stock,	240 00	
	By interest on loans, viz:		
	On \$1200 from Nov. 1 to Jan. 25,	17 00	
	750 from Jan. 25 to May 1,	11 88	
	3000 from July 10, '55, to May 1,	145 00	
			798 88
			\$12,823 38
	Balance consists of--		
	State Bonds,	\$7500 00	
	44 shares C. F. Bank stock, cost	4444 50	
	4 ditto ditto, purchased since Convention	483 00	
	Cash,	395 88	
			\$12,823 38

rived from Bequests,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1855,			
May.	By balance reported to last Convention,		\$1514 50
Nov. 1.	By dividend on 12 shares Cape Fear Bank stock,		60 00
1856,			
May 1.	By ditto ditto ditto,		60 00
			\$1634 50
	Viz: 12 shares Cape Fear Bank stock, cost		\$1300 00
	Cash,		334 50

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

	Bishop's Salary and Contingent	Missionary Fund	Relief Fund.
St. James's church, Wilmington.....	\$300 00	\$350 00	\$60 00
St. John's church, Fayetteville.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
Christ church, Raleigh.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
Christ church, Newbern.....	280 00	320 00	60 00
St. Paul's church, Edenton.....	266 00	300 00	48 00
St. Peter's, Washington.....	135 00	150 00	30 00
St. Mary's school.....		150 00	12 00
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.....	67 00	75 00	18 00
St. Luke's, Salisbury.....	35 00	35 00	10 00
St. Stephen's, Oxford.....	35 00	35 00	10 00
Trinity church, Scotland Neck.....	48 00	65 00	12 00
St. John's in the Wilderness.....	48 00	55 00	12 00
St. Matthew's, Hillsborough.....	47 00	25 00	12 00
Christ church, Elizabeth City.....	40 00	50 00	12 00
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.....	40 00	45 00	12 00
St. John's, Williamsborough.....	20 00	20 00	5 00
Calvary church, Tarborough.....	34 00	50 00	9 60
Missionary Station in Scurry.....	34 00	38 00	9 60
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.....	24 00	27 00	5 00
Trinity chapel, Beaufort.....	30 00	36 00	9 60
Calvary church, Wadesborough.....	27 00	39 00	6 00
St. Thomas's, Bath.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons.....	27 00	30 00	2 40
St. Thomas's, Windsor.....	27 00	30 00	6 00
Christ church, Rowan.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
St. Thomas's, Craven.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
St. James's, Granville.....	19 00	13 00	3 00
St. Paul's, Louisburg.....	20 00	22 00	4 50
Zion chapel, Beaufort.....	18 00	18 00	3 60
Grace church, Plymouth.....	18 00	18 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Orange.....	13 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Kinston.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mark's church, Chatham county.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Church of the Redemption, Lexington.....	7 50	10 00	3 60
St. Paul's, Granville.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Grace church, Morganton.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Christ church, Rockfish.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
Gethsemane, Falkland, Pitt county.....	15 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's, Lincolnton.....	15 00	15 00	3 60
St. Philip's church, Mocksville.....	7 50	8 00	2 40
St. Peter's, Charlotte.....	7 50	15 00	2 40
St. John's, Pitt county.....	7 50	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's church, Washington county.....	7 50	7 00	2 40
St. John's, Rutherfordton.....	7 50	10 00	2 40
Church of the Advent, Williamston.....	7 50	9 00	2 40
Old St. Philip's, Smithville.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Saviour, Jackson.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Trinity church, Asheville.....	8 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.....	10 00	12 00	5 00
St. Mark's, Halifax.....	10 00	12 00	5 00
St. Paul's, Clinton.....	15 00	5 00	5 00
St. Stephen's, Goldsborough.....	15 00	5 00	5 00
St. Andrew's, Rowan.....	15 00	10 00	5 00
St. Mary's, Gatesville.....	7 50	7 50	2 50
Grace church, Bertie.....	7 50	7 50	2 50
St. Barnabas, Murfreesborough.....	7 50	7 50	2 50
St. James's, Iredell county.....	7 50	5 00	2 50
St. Paul's, Beaufort.....	5 00	2 50	2 50
	\$2565 50	\$3083 00	\$610 30

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.

ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognises and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a Candidate for Orders belonging to this Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. Provided, however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided, also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clegyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention. Provided further, that the Lay Delegates of no congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex-officio*, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen, by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Laymen shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a Communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment a majority of each order shall

determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present; and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.

Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorized by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

CANONS

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church in North Carolina.

CANON I.—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of Presentments.*

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II.—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine

fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III.—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the sentence to be pronounced upon a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.*

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Respecting the call of a Special Convention.*

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON V.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each minister of this Church shall keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the Parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.*

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interest of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted; and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII.—PASSED MAY 1842, INSTEAD OF THE ONE PASSED MAY 1821.—*Of the forming of a Congregation.*

Any ten or more Adults may form themselves into a Congregation of this Church, and be received into union with this Convention, by consenting to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in these United States, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; by assuming a name to designate such Congregation; by electing a Vestry of four or more persons, not exceeding twelve; and by subscribing the following form of Certificate, to be presented to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese:

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of —, [here should follow the name and place;] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

CANON VIII.—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting Annual Contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention, which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX.—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X.—PASSED APRIL 1825.—*To appoint a Treasurer and to prescribe his duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall, *ex-officio*, receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the Fund for the Episcopate as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interest and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI.—PASSED MAY 1827.—*Authorizing the Treasurer to invest the Money belonging to the Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated, and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII.—PASSED MAY 1830.—*Pointing out the additional duties of the Secretary.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of the Convention, during its Sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII.—PASSED MAY 1841.—*Relating to the Standing Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the members of the Standing Committee to hold meetings for the transaction of business at every Convention of the Diocese; and this Canon is hereby declared to be due notice to each member of the same, to assemble at the time and place of the meeting of each Annual Convention.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, and the Committee on New Congregations, each consisting of five, and the Committee on Unfinished Business, consisting of three, and all special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall always be in order.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING IN FORCE,

ADOPTED AT VARIOUS SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION.

Resolved, That with the consent of his Vestry, it be the duty of every settled Clergyman, not having more than two Congregations in his Parochial Cure, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, and that the Bishop have the power of regulating the time and place of service.—*Adopted May 1832.*

Resolved, That the Vestries of such Churches in this Diocese as may be destitute of Clergymen, be requested to forward to the Secretary, at least one month before the meeting of every Annual Convention, a report of the state and condition of said churches.—*Adopted June 1835.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those congregations which have failed, or may hereafter fail, to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly.—*Adopted May 1836.*

[After the adoption of the following resolutions, by "the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary Society of the Diocese," the Missionary operations of the Diocese were placed under the charge of a Missionary Committee, consisting of two Clergymen and three Laymen:—

Resolved, as the sense of this meeting, that the Church of Christ is the only proper Missionary Society, being divinely instituted, and wisely adapted, for the conducting of all operations for the spread of the Gospel.

Resolved, That in accordance with the foregoing principle, the Convention of the Church in this Diocese be respectfully requested to take under its own immediate control, all the Bible, Prayer Book, Tract and Missionary operations of the Diocese.

Resolved, That should the Convention accede to the foregoing request, and assume the existing responsibilities of this Society to the Missionaries and others, all the records, and the property of every description, belonging to the Society, be delivered to such persons as the Convention may appoint to receive them,—and this Society be then dissolved.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Society, to

communicate the foregoing resolutions to the Convention, and respectfully to request their adoption of the plan proposed therein.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and to make out a list of all the property and of all the existing liabilities of the Society, and that the Committee report to this Society at its next meeting.—*Adopted May 1836.*

Resolved, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least \$5, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

Resolved, That each Clergyman present the Librarian with a list of the Books in his own or his Parish Library, so that unnecessary duplicates may not be purchased, and that each may know where to apply for any needed set of books.—*Adopted May 1841.*

Resolved, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

Resolved, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of the Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Resolved, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journal of each session of the Convention.—*Adopted May 1844.*

Whereas, the General Convention of 1844 enacted a Canon, allowing to each Bishop, under certain limitations and restrictions, a due discretion in the calling, trial, and examination of Deacons, whenever he should be requested so to do by the Convention of his Diocese: Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby request the Bishop of this Diocese to use the discretion allowed in said Canon, so far as may seem to him for the glory of God and the good of his Church.—*Adopted May 1845.*

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Vestry to transmit to the Minister of the Parish where the Annual Convention of the Diocese may sit, a certificate of the election of the Delegates to said Convention; and to furnish a duplicate of said certificate to some one of said delegates,

whose duty it shall be to hand the same to the Secretary of the Convention in time for proper action thereon.—*Adopted May 1847.*

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen, be annually appointed by the President of the Convention, to be called "the Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report the amount of money which will probably be wanted during the succeeding year for such purpose, to make a definite appropriation in each and every case requiring aid, and to make a scale of assessment, upon the Parishes, proportioned generally to the existing scale of assessments for Bishop's salary and contingent fund. Provided, that in case there be at any time no proper objects, there shall be no call made.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention shall be the Treasurer of this Committee, that he receive the moneys contributed to this Fund, and pay them out on the receipt of the individuals, or their representatives, to whom the appropriations may have been made.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of \$50 to all Clergymen who may be appointed and attend as Delegates to the General Convention of the Church from this Diocese.—*Adopted May 1848.*

Resolved, That all sums received for Missionary purposes, by bequest or other extraordinary donation, shall, if consistent with the will of the donors, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, with directions to fund the same; and furthermore, that for the present, and until otherwise ordered, he be directed to add to the principal the interest as it may accrue.—*Adopted May 1850.*

Resolved, That the salary of the Bishop of this Diocese be increased, and fixed at Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.—*Adopted May 1853.*

Resolved, That so much of the resolution, adopted May 23d, 1845, providing for the appointment of Trustees for the Church in this Diocese, under the Act of Assembly ratified the 8th day of January 1845, entitled "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies," as appoints Levi Silliman Ives, lately Bishop of the Diocese, one of the Trustees, be and the same is hereby rescinded and repealed; and that hereafter the Bishop of the Diocese, when there is a Bishop, and when there is no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee, ex-officio, with the two Laymen elected or who may be at any time elected by the Convention, under the said resolution, shall be the Trustees for the Protestant Episcopal Church in this

Diocese, for the purposes in the said Act mentioned.—*Adopted May 1853.*

Resolved, That a Standing Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen, to be called the Education Committee, be appointed, of which the Bishop shall be the Chairman *ex officio*, who shall receive, take charge of, invest and disburse any fund or funds that may be contributed, and take such steps as they may deem best to raise funds for the purpose of aiding young men who may be determined to enter the Ministry of this Church, and report their proceedings to the next Convention.

Resolved, It is hereby recommended, that a collection be made for the benefit of the Education Fund, in every Parish of this Diocese, on Whit-Sunday of every year.—*Adopted May 1854.*

Resolved, That from and after this Convention the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to pay to the Secretary, whatever bill of expenses he may render, incurred by his attendance upon the Sessions of this body.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint some one to preach before each Annual Convention of the Church, a Sermon on the subject of Christian Education.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be directed to pay annually to the several Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, any expenses necessarily incurred by them, in attending the meetings of that body.

Resolved, That the contributions to the Relief Fund be hereafter distributed under the direction of the Bishop.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee of Finance, in regard to Clergymen attending the Convention, be adopted, and that from and after the next Convention, the Treasurer be directed to pay such expenses out of the fund for the contingent expenses of the Convention.—*Adopted May 1856.*

FORMS OF DEEDS.

No. 1.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, between — of the County of — and State of —, of the one part, and —, the Wardens and Vestry and Trustees of — Church, —, and members of the said Congregation, (the said Church being a Church of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina): Witnesseth, That the said —, for and in consideration of — dollars to him in

hand paid by the said —, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees of said — Church, their heirs and successors in office, the following lot or parcel of land, situate in —, and bounded as follows, to-wit: —. To have and to hold the same, together with all and singular its appurtenances, to the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors forever, to and for the use and benefit of the Congregation of said — Church, —. And the said — doth, for himself and his heirs, covenant and agree with the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors, to warrant and defend the same to the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors forever.

In witness whereof, the said — hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year above written.

— —, [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of —.

No. 2.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, between —, of the County of — and State of —, of the one part, and —, Trustees appointed by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the State of North Carolina, by virtue of the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed in the year 1844-45, entitled "An act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies": Witnesseth, That the said —, for and in consideration of — dollars to him in hand paid by the said Trustees as aforesaid, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said —, Trustees as aforesaid, their heirs and successors in office, the following lot or parcel of land, situate in —, and bounded as follows, to-wit: —. To have and to hold the same, with all and singular its appurtenances, to the said —, Trustees as aforesaid, their heirs and successors in office forever, to and for the use and benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina. And the said — doth, for himself and his heirs, [&c., as in the foregoing Deed.]

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☞ The Forty-first Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY, on the Fourth Wednesday in May 1857.
